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Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy helped the tribe's Water Quality Program and Wildlife Division stencil messages near storm drains surrounding Veterans Park on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Academy students remind community: 'Keep it clean'

By Pete Nylander

Southern Ute Water Quality Program

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Water Quality Program and Wildlife Division partnered with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students on Oct. 12 to stencil labels on storm drains around Veterans Park.

Water Quality's 319 program, which addresses non-point source pollution on the reservation,

showed the academy students a watershed model to demonstrate the influence of storm runoff and other pollution on water quality. After the in-classroom demonstration, the students helped with the stenciling of nine storm drains around Veterans Park and the tribal campus.

The project aimed to raise awareness about sources of pollution and

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Elders meeting scheduled for Oct. 25

A meeting to discuss Southern Ute tribal elders' concerns has been scheduled for 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Multi-Purpose Facility by Dixie Naranjo. For more information, call the Multi-Purpose Facility at 970-563-4784.

Bobcat ladies pretty in pink



Ignacio's seniors played their final home match at Pink Digs for the Cure V on Tuesday, Oct. 11 against Mancos. Pictured (above, left to right): Shauni Troup, Brittney Benavidez, Rylie Jefferson and Abeth Okall. The MHS-IHS matches, Stage 2 of 4 in 2011's series, pushed the 2011 fund-raising over \$14,000 toward a goal of \$30,000.

Ignacio's Cloe Seibel (left) leaps to spike from long range against Mancos during Pink Digs for the Cure V on Tuesday, Oct. 11 inside IHS Gymnasium. The Volleyscats' varsity took Set 1 from the Lady Jays, 25-21, in San Juan Basin League action but then fell in the next three (12-25, 17-25, 15-25).

photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Learning about healthy choices



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Health Educator Julie Olexa uses visual aids to explain health benefits from different food groups to Charlize Valdez, Marisa Carmenoros, and Samara O'John during the annual Kids Health Fair on Friday, Oct. 14 in the SunUte Community Center's gym.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The newly formed Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (above) stands for a formal portrait following an introduction to the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Pictured (left to right): Vice Chairman Mike Olguin, Serena Fournier, Sage Rohde, Kelsey Frost, Chairman Pearl E. Casias, Council Lady Marge Borst, Brianna Goodtracks-Alires, Keiston Goodtracks-Alires and Keifer Goodtracks-Alires.

Tribal Council welcomes young counterparts

By Ace Stryker

The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council met for the first time Wednesday, Oct. 12 with its new youth-oriented counterpart, the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council.

The youth council is composed of six members — they're currently seeking a seventh — as follows: Kelsey Frost, chairperson; Sage Rohde, vice chairperson; Brianna Goodtracks-Alires, secretary; Keiston Goodtracks-Alires; Keifer Goodtracks-Alires; and Serena Fournier, the current Jr. Miss Indian Colorado. Their role is to inform the Tribal Council of issues relevant to tribal youth, said adult coordinator McKean Walton.

Council Lady Marge Borst thanked the council members for their willingness to serve and praised their group's namesake.

"She was a wonderful, excellent model of a person that never stopped, never faltered," Borst said. "You are the ones that are going to take us forward."

Vice Chairman Mike Olguin said the youth council can play an important role in informing the Tribal Council of the interests and concerns among younger tribal members.

"We need the youth's help to ensure that we're not missing the



Chairman Pearl E. Casias personally welcomes members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council to Tribal Council Chambers following their introduction.

component that you see," he said. "We want to make sure we're connected with you."

Olguin urged the younger council members not to be afraid to make recommendations to the Tribal Council.

"There's an opportunity ... to really create the future," he said.

Chairman Pearl E. Casias said she felt honored and humbled to be visited by the first youth advisory council.

"I read all of your letters of intent, and I was very impressed," she said. "When I get to be an older elder, I hope to see you in these positions up here [on the Tribal Council]. ... There's no reason why there can't be seven of you up here."

Executive Officer Andrew Frost also congratulated the new council members and invited them to "make it a good experience."

The young council made a request for financial aid to travel to the National Congress of American Indians' national convention Oct. 30 – Nov. 4 in Portland. Each Tribal Council member present expressed support for the idea, but Casias suggested they bring forth a request when the entire Tribal Council would be present to weigh in.

The youth council is still seeking a seventh member. Interested tribal members between 13 and 19 may contact Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314 for more information.



News in brief

IGNACIO

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational session from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

Did you lose something at the Tribal Fair?

Several items left behind have been recovered and not yet claimed, including a feather bag, a beaded medallion, a beaded headband, a flowered hairpin, a Verizon cell phone, and a scarf. Call Dona Frost at 970-563-0100 ext. 2460 for more information.

Attention: Agricultural land managers

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for 2012 cost-share program. The cost-share program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing best management practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and riparian protection and improvements. Majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore and protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information. Deadline is Nov. 4.

SUPD offering reward for stolen guns

The Southern Ute Police Department is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for the return of two stolen firearms or information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the theft. The first is a German drilling gun, which is a triple-barrel rifle and shotgun combination with two side-by-side 16-gauge barrels and a single 8x57R rifle barrel. The second is a .38 Special snub nose revolver. The firearms were stolen during a burglary of a residence on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation sometime between May 27 and June 11. If you have any information, please call Detective Luke Austin of the Southern Ute Police Department Investigations Bureau at 970-563-4942.

Health and Wellness Powwow hosts raffles

The Shining Mountain Diabetes Health and Wellness Powwow is hosting a pair of raffles to benefit the powwow. Tickets for a new Apple iPad are \$1 each; tickets for a George Foreman grill are \$2 each or \$5 for three. The drawings will take place Saturday, Oct. 22 during the powwow at the SunUte Community Center. For more information or to purchase tickets for the iPad raffle, call Larron Dolence at 970-563-0100 ext. 2353; for the grill, call Julie Olexa at 970-563-0100 ext. 2349.

Bean and potatoes ready for pickup

Tribal members, your beans and potatoes will be available for pickup on Friday, Oct. 21. Please stop by at your earliest convenience and pick up your order. If paying by check, please make it payable to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. If you are unable to get to the Ag Office on Friday to get your produce, we will be back in the office Monday morning. We did order a few extra for the tribal members that might have missed out on ordering.

Tribe offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich at 970-563-0315 ext. 2238 or pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us or Mel Baker at 970-563-4710 or mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

TOWAOC

Our Sister's Keeper to host Towaoc vigil

The Our Sister's Keeper Coalition invites all interested participants to attend a candlelight vigil 5 – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Ute Mountain Ute Community Center in Towaoc, Colo., in honor of all victims of domestic violence. The vigil will be to enhance efforts to shine a light on the darkness of domestic violence and sexual assault and will be held in conjunction with Domestic Violence Month. Highlights will include a Native American-style ceremony with a blessing, victims' testimony and lighting of candles. For more information, call 970-259-2519.

Many Moons Ago



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10 Years Ago

Employees of the Southern Ute Utilities' wastewater treatment plant accept one of two special awards from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during an awards dinner Oct. 9 at the Rolling Thunder Hall. Pictured (left to right) are Fred Robbins and Don Lucero of Wastewater Operations; Utilities Division Head Tom Brown; Jack Rychecky and Anthony DeLoach of EPA; and Southern Ute Chairman Leonard C. Burch.

This photo first appeared in the October 5, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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20 Years Ago

Chairman Leonard C. Burch speaks to a large crowd at Fort Lewis College to celebrate 100 years of higher education. The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council acknowledged the evolution of the school from fort to college and recognized the 19 Southern Utes who had graduated from Fort Lewis.

This photo first appeared in the October 21 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

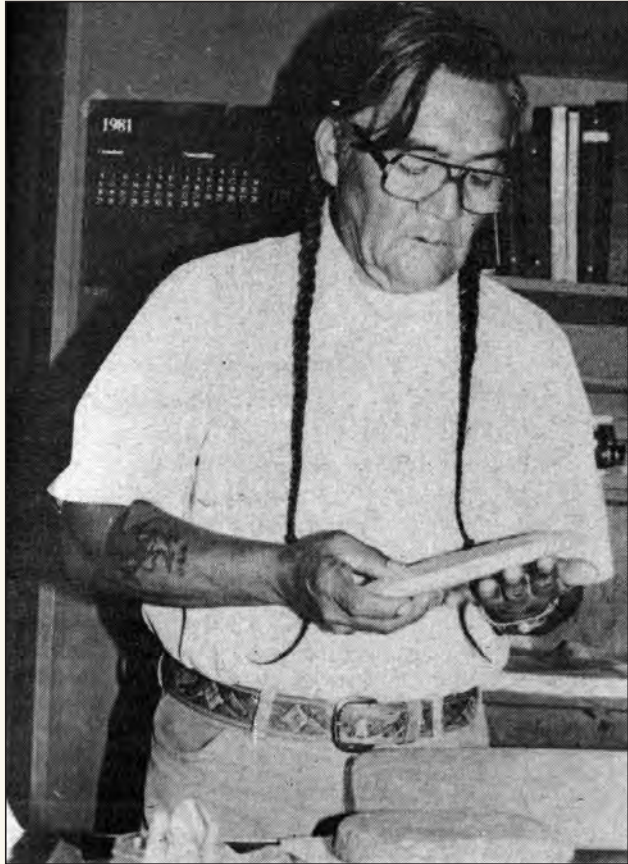


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30 Years Ago

Eddie Box Sr. examines artifacts collected at the Dolores Dam site. The purpose of the McPhee Dam visit was to give the council members an opportunity to view a project that would be similar to the Animas-La Plata Project; to give other tribal personnel an opportunity to witness the early stages of development and construction and how unforeseen problems can be prevented; and to give the group an opportunity to get a general overview of the employment, recreational and computer aspects of such a project. The Tribal Council and department heads visited the site on Oct. 21, 1981.

This photo first appeared in the October 23, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Range now taking grazing permit applications

The grazing season on the listed units is set for June 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2012. Those applicants who do not currently possess a valid grazing permit shall be given preference. All requirements to obtain a grazing permit must be met. Applications may be picked up at the Southern Ute Range Division Office at 575 County Rd. 517 in Ignacio. All applications must be received in the Range Division Office by 5 p.m. on Nov. 7. For questions, please call 970-563-4780. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will be accepting applications for grazing permits for the following range units.

Range Unit	Maximum no. of animal units
Cinder Buttes	60
Picnic Flats	86
Soda Springs	32
Coyote Gulch	39
Beef Canyon	29
Sandoval	100
Kearns	20
Archuleta Mesa	180

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In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2011-PR-117

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Paul Whiskers Dutchie III, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on November 7, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of October, 2011
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2011-NC-121

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Andrew Thomas Maez, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Andrew Thomas Havens filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Andrew Christopher Maez. As of October 3, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Andrew Thomas Havens name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Andrew Christopher Maez.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2011.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-NC-120

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Sevena Bean Maez, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Sevena Bean Havens filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Sevena Bean Maez. As of October 3, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Sevena Bean Havens name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Sevena Bean Maez.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2011.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2011-0142-CV-PR

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Ronald Frost, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on November 29, 2011 at 2:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of October, 2011
Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2011-0123-CV-PR

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Byron Red Sr., Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of October, 2011
Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk



Ute Language

pütö?nichī - hill

kaavi - mountain

kanügavaatü - valley

Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2011 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.

Southern Ute Language Class 101



- Learn to read and write the Ute language
- Learn to speak the Ute language
- Language fluency taught by Tribal elders
- Instruction by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum
Wednesdays, 6 – 8 p.m.

This is an on-going class and will meet for 12-15 weeks.

For more information, call Dr. Stacey Oberly at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306 or Nathan Strong Elk at 970-563-9583 or Dedra White at 307-349-4035

Provided by the Southern Ute Cultural Department

Southern Ute Tribal elder activities

Oct. 25: Farmington, N.M., shopping trip. Vans will be leaving at 9 a.m. If you have any questions or in need of assistance, please call the Southern Ute Elder Services department at 970-563-0156.

Health and Wellness Powwow

Oct 22, 2011 - SunUte Community Center - Ignacio, CO

Fitness Walk

Sponsored by SunUte Fitness Trainers

Registration 10AM

Walk 11AM

Prizes provided to all participants

General Info

Doors Open 12PM

Gourd Dance 1PM

Dinner Feast 5PM

Provided at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

Grand Entry 7PM

Raffles

50/50 Raffle

Cow Elk Hunt Raffle

Creating a Balanced Life



One Step at a Time

A Community Sponsored Event

Contact Claudette Watts: 970-563-0100 x 2344
or Robert Howe: 970-563-0100 x 2458

Non-food vendors welcome. Call Robert Howe for availability.

2011 Southern Colorado Elk Hunt Raffle

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Health & Wellness Pow Wow Committee



Prize: One COW ELK Tag

Actual hunt will be Jan 7– 15 2012

On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation– Sandoval Unit
Ignacio, Colorado

Drawing: Saturday October 22, 2012– Winner will be contacted Via phone

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November 5

9169 Coors Blvd NW • Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Cece Cometsevah

Phone: 505-346-2319

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November 5

451 Isotope Dr • Fort Collins, CO

Contact: Delbert Willie

Phone: 970-310-4836

Email: csuaises@yahoo.com

Web: www.engr.colostate.edu/aises/index.html

Southern Ute Veterans Pow Wow

Sky Ute Casino Resort, Ignacio, CO

November 5, 2011



Head Gourd Dancer

Raymond Price

Gourd Dancing 1pm to 5pm

Supper Break 5pm

Grand Entry 7pm

Specials:

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One Day Pow Wow Honoring
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Contact: 970-769-3395



Bobcats barge into Bears’ party

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

That’s more like it. The Cats are back on track after playing Dolores out like — and on — an eight-track on Friday, Oct. 14.

Setting themselves up the Friday, Oct. 21 trip to Viking Field at Center Community Park, as well as the Friday, Oct. 28 regular-season finale at home, Ignacio mustered together a major morale boost with a 14-point win, crushing the cornerstone event of the rival Bears’ Homecoming Week 2011.

It wasn’t always pretty; DHS, in fact, led 8-0 at halftime on a 1-yard Wyatt Wallace plunge with 5:21 left in the opening quarter. But the Bears’ “victory” at the time came after a big loss: lineman Richard Belt for the season’s remainder after breaking his fibula three plays after coralling an interception off lineman Tyler Weir’s deflection, setting up the scoring drive.

Ignacio regrouped immediately in the third quarter though, and

“You’ve got to give Ignacio credit; they called some great defenses out there.”

– Ray McDonnell,
KKDC announcer

halted DHS’s lengthy initial march with 7:33 left, then proceeded to restart their own offense. Senior Alex Pena eventually scampered in for an 18-yard TD, but the Bobcats’ two-point conversion bid — unlike Dolores’ earlier — went bust.

“And we held those danged two points [the Bears’ 8-6 lead] until almost the end of the fourth quarter!” said Dolores’ KKDC radio play-by-play announcer Ray McDonnell. “You’ve got to give Ignacio credit; they called

some great defenses out there.” McDonnell’s notes then showed Ignacio scoring the game-winning points with 2:40 remaining.

Ignacio assistant coach Greg Jones’ statistics showed the Cats (now 3-4, 1-2 SPC) completing 16 of 23 pass attempts for 177 yards with a touchdown, gaining 115 rushing yards on 21 total carries, and also returning an interception defensively for six points. Multiple fumbles were also recovered in the 22 – 8 win.

Following a heated exchange with officials, head coach Lupe Huerta was ejected after stating his case for protecting quarterback Adison Jones — victim of a hard hit by Weir — and will the Oct. 21 game versus Center (who surrenders about 28 points per game; IHS is allowing 25) as a result.

Dolores dropped to 3-4 overall, 1-2 in the Southern Peaks Conference before their trek to Sargent.

Ignacio wraps up its 2011 regular season against Del Norte (currently 3-4, 2-1).



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Mariah Vigil (6) and Shawni Troup (8) leap to deflect an attack by Norwood’s Katelyn Hardman (20) during the Saturday, Oct. 15 triangular in Dove Creek.

Spikers stopped twice in Dove Creek

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Scott Knuckles, first-year head coach for Dove Creek, pointed out an overlooked item of success for Ignacio after an otherwise bleak-inside, sunny-outside trip to Dolores County.

Something not league powerhouses Telluride and Norwood, nor rebuilding Ridgway, loop unpredictable Dolores and Nucla, nor even the Volleyscats through two sets of the triangular’s final match on Saturday, Oct. 15 inside DCHS Gymnasium could accomplish: goad Jessica Guynes into a service error.

After landing well over 100 serves in play consecutively, the DC sophomore finally misfired in Set 3 against IHS — virtually the only set in which the Cats, as a whole, displayed the energy that downed DHS the night before. At Dolores’ Homecoming no less, as Ignacio improved to 4-0 in five-set battles.

Anything less than five, however — well, there’s only so many ways a baffled Bayli Stillwell can scratch her head in search of solutions. She offered no excuses either, however; both DC and Norwood also had a San Juan Basin League match the night before, both won, and were simply hungrier for more.

Coming in off a 3-1 Homecoming win over Mancos, the Lady Mavericks had already warmed up with a 3-1 win over Dove Creek — though the Lady Bulldogs (who’d swept Nucla) dominated the first set — by the time Shania Snow threw up the opening serve versus the Cats. Hitting it long gave IHS the only lead they’d have in Set 1, as NHS junior Harlie Williams then held serve until Michelle Simmons put away a tip after Stillwell called timeout trailing 12-1.

After Angela Herrera hit long to give Norwood a 25-14 win, Williams was again on serve in Set 2 with her side cruising. At the line for each of the last four points, the Lady Mavs breezed to a 25-10 win after senior middle Lindsey Stindt converted a tip and a brutal kill to put NHS ahead for good at 7-5.

Ignacio had led 5-3 when a Stindt tip went wide, but the rally then began with a Katelyn Hardman kill and a Teya Kvasnicka service ace. Set 3 showed the Cats were well awake, climbing out of an 8-3 hole — but never quite getting clear or even level with the No. 10 [Colorado



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Earning two varsity starts at libero on Saturday, Oct. 15, Ignacio’s Tristany Valencia scrambles for a dig against Dove Creek inside DCHS Gymnasium.

Preps poll, 10/10] side in 1A.

Three times IHS pulled within a single point, but each time their ensuing serves were halted by the net — the last a Rylie Jefferson netter after Simmons powered down a kill to cut the deficit to 15-14. One last Stindt smash put the Lady Mavericks (13-2, 10-1 SJB�) up 23-18, and Herrera attacked into the strings for the final 25-18 margin.

Guynes greeted Ignacio starting the Cats-versus-Dogs contest, but classmate Corissa Guynes’ successful tip shot was canceled by a DC net violation on Jessica Guynes’ second serve. Fellow soph Shelbie Knuckles, Dove Creek’s approximation of Stindt power-wise, banged down a kill to regain the lead, and before Simmons dropped one of her own the scoreboard read 7-1. Knuckles’ first ace put the ‘Dogs up 12-5, and helped by six IHS errors, DC soon prevailed 25-10, punctuated by a tip from Knuckles and one from senior Jessica Heaton on set point.

After a Shawni Troup ace put IHS ahead 2-0 in Set 2, Jessica Guynes put down a kill and then held serve until the Dogs led 6-2. It was 8-3 before Ignacio collected six of the next seven points to tie at 9-9 on a Simmons stuff of Madison Young. But beginning with a pass error, giving DC a 10-9 lead, the hosts went on a 12-1 spree — finalized by three Young aces and a Mariah Vigil net attack — to separate.

Already utilizing speedy Tristany Valencia at libero in place of absent regular Abeth Okall, Stillwell looked to further rejuvenate her crew by transferring setting duties from Jefferson to Cloe Seibel during a timeout, and the idea worked as Ignacio

— via a Herrera kill, Brittney Benavidez ace, Destinee Lucero kill, and DC hitting error — rallied back to 23-17.

But Knuckles walloped a kill at 24-18, giving the locals a 2-0 match lead, and Jessica Guynes ball-in-hand at the line beginning Set 3. But Ignacio wasn’t about to go quietly, trading point-for-point with DC (10-6, 7-4) until 6-6. A Knuckles ace off Valencia, then two IHS lift violations put the Dogs up three, but Ignacio came back on two Guynes hitting errors, a Guynes pass miscue, and Lucero kill for a 10-9 lead.

Threatening to stretch the match to at least a fourth, maybe even another fifth, the Volleyscats somehow maintained either a one- or two-point advantage — including at 14-12 on Guynes’ rare net serve — all the way until 19-17 when Herrera rejected a Young tip. Young, annoyed, came right back with a kill and then fired an ace off Lucero. Guynes then put down a kill, but Young served the net for a 20-20 tie.

Corissa Guynes stuffed an errant IHS pass, Simmons was denied a kill by the strings, and Knuckles notched another kill for DC’s insurmountable lead. Simmons’ final tip try went into the net after Dove Creek senior Megan Denno served at point-21.

But in the wide-spread SJB�, there’s a saying: “If at first you don’t succeed, ‘tri,’ ‘tri’ again.”

And, looking to solidify for the postseason, the Cats (5-9, 5-6) have one last “tri” they can use: on Saturday, Oct. 22, back at DCHS Gymnasium (9 a.m.) versus Ridgway and likely Ouray in all-neutral action. Should Ignacio win both, they would top last season’s victory total before districts, Oct. 29 in Dolores.

Football Frenzy!

Class 1A Southern Peaks Conference
Standings, entering Week 8 (Oct. 21 – 22)

Team	OVERALL			SPC		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
Monte Vista	5	2	.714	3	0	226/87
Sargent	3	4	.428	2	1	125/190
Del Norte	3	4	.42	2	1	155/203
IGNACIO	3	4	.428	1	2	124/175
Dolores	3	4	.428	1	2	128/163
Center	2	5	.286	0	3	88/198

Week 8 Matchups: Monte Vista at Del Norte; Dolores at Sargent. Ahead in week 9 (10/28–29): Del Norte at IGNACIO; Center at Sargent.

– compiled by Joel Priest

Youth Basketball

Boys & girls, ages 5-12
Practices will begin in November.
Game and practice schedule will be announced when registration is complete.

\$25 per participant.
Deadline to register is Nov. 4.

Contact SunUte
970-563-0214

Diggin’ the pink



Ignacio assistant coach Thad Cano (above, left) and head coach Bayli Stillwell (center) meet and greet Laura Webb, one of the All-Star Survivors saluted at Pink Digs for the Cure V on Tuesday, Oct. 11 inside IHS Gymnasium — living proof to fans and all that the yearly event is helping.

Watching the action intently, Ignacio senior Kelton Canterbury (left) waits to perform “The Star-spangled Banner” along with the IHS Choir prior to the varsity match at Pink Digs for the Cure V on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Indian Policies and Procedures meeting notice

The Ignacio School District’s Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) meeting will be held Oct. 27 at the Ignacio High School cafeteria. A meal will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the Indian Education meeting beginning at 6 p.m. All parents and guardians of Native American children in the Ignacio School District are invited to attend.



Swift Eagle notches ninth win

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Her opponent once claimed a losing bout with “altitude sickness” prevented a better bout inside the ropes. But she’s got zero excuse for a repeat defeat via Thaddine Swift Eagle-Johnson’s mitts.

But to Maria Sanchez’s credit, she survived 80 seconds longer before becoming the featherweight’s first-ever twice-beaten foe — broken down by a barrage of body shots at 1:48 of the first round in the main event of Red Fist Promotions’ “Rumble on the Rez III.”

“The Navajo MMA/Boxing Commission was happy no-one got hurt,” said the champ, now 9-0 with eight KOs, in an e-mail. “The crowd loved it.”

Unable to finalize a desired fight recently with Freddie Gonzalez (still 6-7-1, 2 KO) in Atlanta, Swift Eagle-Johnson took a rematch with Sanchez with the Global Boxing Union’s International Featherweight title up for grabs at the Shiprock, N.M., fairgrounds.

And a fine afternoon for fights it was: The “Rumble” took place alongside closing events of the 100th Shiprock Northern Navajo Nation Fair — dubbed the oldest and most traditional of all — with an estimated 1,500 people



File photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

observing the action inside the ring under the big top.

Twelve bouts, attracting boxers from all Four Corners states, filled out the Oct. 9 card, though full results were not available. The Navajo Nation Lightweight title was contested on the undercard, pitting Brittany “Bad News” Hadley and Chevira “Viper” Jack in a rematch of their Jan. 29 meeting.

That bout, held at Shiprock H.S., ended in a draw after four rounds. This one didn’t; Jack’s hand was raised after an exhausting six-rounder, upping her record to 1-0-1 and dropping Hadley’s to 0-1-1.

“Brittany got knocked down in the first seconds of round one and quickly got up and shook off the nerves,” said Swift

Eagle-Johnson. “Came back with hard three- and four-punch combinations throughout the fight. Chevira held a lot behind the head and threw upper cuts to the body — she was the busier fighter.”

Still seeking the aforementioned Gonzalez, Swift Eagle-Johnson noted that her recent inclusion in the WBC’s rankings could speed up the process of securing a fight.

The champ was shown as the No. 15 featherweight in the organization’s July tabulations, but seemed more optimistic in an e-mail — probably even more so now after maintaining her unbeaten record.

“The WBC ... said I can fight her for their title; I just have to get a promoter to put it on,” she said.

Veteran BGC organizer joins tribe

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

On Oct. 10, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe brought in an experienced leader for its Boys & Girls Club.

Armed with charisma and more than 40 years experience with club programs across the nation, Gordon L. Eldredge steps in as the newly appointed chief professional officer.

Eldredge began his mentorship career in Baltimore, Mass., as the executive director of the “boys’ club.” In 1970, he was offered the opportunity to pioneer the first BGC programs in the state of Montana, which he continued to oversee for the next 25 years before retiring in 1995.

Since then Eldredge has helped out as a consultant to eight clubs throughout the United States.

Eldredge will work with the tribe on a three-month plan to set protocol and establish guidelines for the club, staying on longer if needed. He hopes to evaluate the club, make recommendations, train staff, and inform the community on the nature of the Boys & Girls Club.

Eldredge made the clarification that his title is chief professional officer, but that his job is “impacting the lives of kids.”

The club is “particularly helpful on the reservations,” he added.

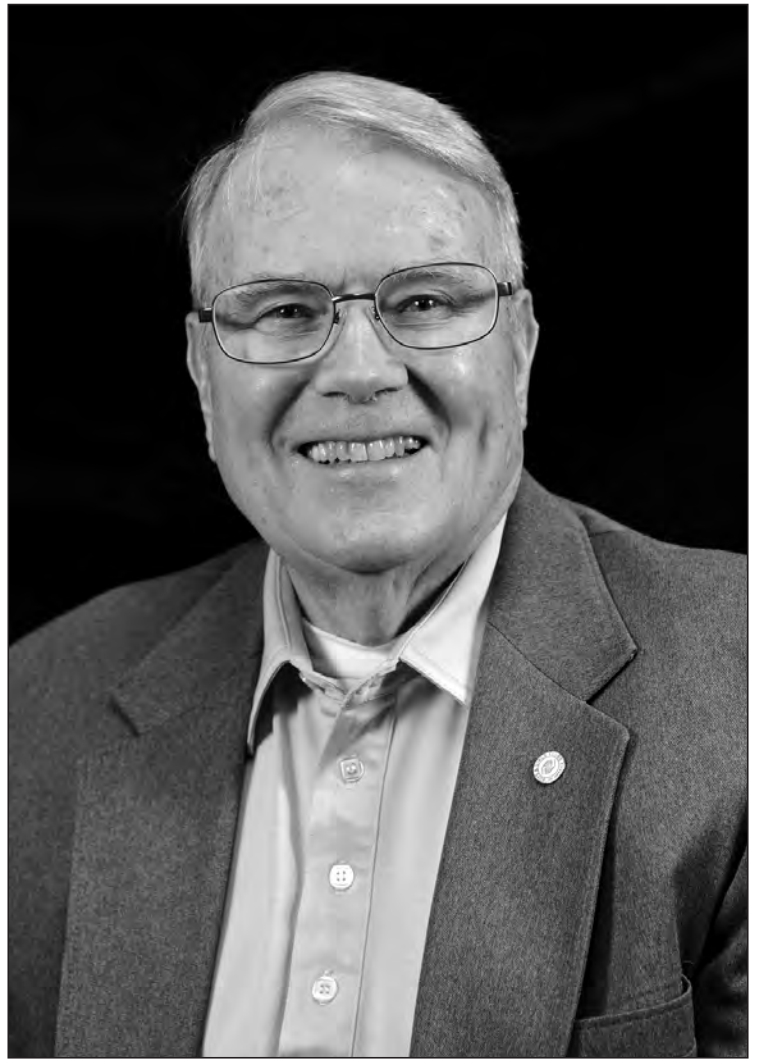


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Eldredge said people must work with what they have and do the best job they can, always striving to do better. To get the best of the kids, you have to give

the best you have, he said.

These are the guiding principals that have carried Eldredge through his lifetime of service to the Boys & Girls Club.

Students: ‘Keep it clean’ • from page 1

to remind local community members to “keep it clean” to prevent water pollution from storm runoff. Storm water pollution can cause serious problems for water quality, since anything left out on the ground — such as grease, oil, fertilizers, trash, household chemicals, and animal waste — has the potential to get washed down into local creeks and rivers.

When these pollutants enter local water bodies, they can adversely affect drinking water, aquatic life, recreation, and other uses.

The major components of the 319 program are stream restorations and stabilizations, agricultural irrigation practice improvement projects, and education and out-

reach. The program began actively reducing non-point source pollution and improving water quality on the reservation in 1996.

The program has completed a total of nine stream restorations on five different streams and rivers totaling in more than 5.5 linear miles of restored streams and rivers. It has provided irrigation equipment to 27 tribal and non-tribal irrigators within the reservation boundaries, which has improved the irrigation and land management practices on a total of 721 acres.

The program participates in education and outreach activities with local students and community members with the goal of

improving water quality.

The Wildlife Division’s Fish in the Classroom program is an environmental education program in which academy students raise native fish in an aquarium in their classroom. The students participate in lessons and activities related to wildlife, habitat, water resources and conservation, while applying skills in science, math, language arts, fine arts, and other subjects.

The students end the year by releasing their fish into a pond or stream on tribal lands near the school.

For more information about non-point source pollution, call Pete Nylander, senior water quality specialist, at 970-563-0135.

Boys and Girls Club PeaceJam Film Night

“Hearing Radmilla Cody”
A film by Angela Web

Friday, Oct. 28, 6 – 9:30 p.m.
SunUte Community Center
Q&A after the film
Free to the community

Hearing Radmilla Cody (82 mins) is a portrait of Radmilla Cody, Miss Navajo Nation 1997-1998. The film follows Radmilla through her controversial reign as the first biracial Miss Navajo. It then explores her promising singing career, and the realities (domestic violence) that led to serious legal consequences.

“Shout. The story of domestic violence”
A film by Robert Sam Nuttmann

Friday, Nov. 4, 7 – 9 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Building
Q&A after the film

An in-depth look at the effects domestic violence has on the many people it touches in everyday life. Follows the story of Sam, who lost his sister as a result of domestic violence, as he discovers the realities of domestic violence through personal interviews with survivors, politicians, domestic violence advocates, and others affected by the issue on a regular basis.

Health & Wellness Poker Run & Walk

'Uvwiyaram wi'ikapa!

“Let’s All Dance!”

- Starts **Sat. October 22nd, 2011**
- 10 AM Registration @ Southeast corner of Veterans Park located on Southern Ute Indian Tribal campus in Ignacio, CO.
- 10:45 AM Greeting and Stretch
- 11 AM Start Dist.: Run=3.1 mi. Walk=1 mi.
- 12 PM Finish @ Southeast corner of Veterans Park
- Open to entire community & NO registration fee!
- Top 4 hands (5 card draw) will receive prize
- Participants receive gift bags & Snacks will be provided!

Contact: Robin Duffy-Wirth or Justin Lupe @ SunUte Community Center
290 Mouache Circle, Ignacio, CO. Tele: 970-563-0214



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From 9:30 to close on Friday
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Wellness Court turns 10: Celebrating success

By Tim Heydinger
Southern Ute Tribal Court

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Southern Ute tuuCai Wellness Court. Of all programs offered by the Tribal Court, the tuuCai (pronounced “too-eye”; Ute for “well-being”) Wellness Court is one of the longest lasting programs and, arguably, the most successful. Wellness Court is designed primarily for those individuals dealing with substance abuse issues, including alcohol. Wellness Court offers to offenders an alternative to incarceration. If an individual chooses to participate in Wellness Court (and is accepted into Wellness Court), he or she faces less potential jail time and, in many cases, can avoid jail altogether. Wellness Court, at its core, is an intense form of probation. However, it differs from traditional probation in at least two

important ways. Perhaps it is these three components that make Wellness Court effective. First, Wellness Court participants (unlike regular probationers) are subject to frequent testing to ensure the participant is not using any alcohol or illegal substances. It is not unusual for participants to be tested at least twice daily. Participants come to Court much more frequently than regular probationers and, if testing shows a particular participant has been using alcohol or drugs, or if the participant misses any tests, sanctions (including jail time) are imposed immediately. Constant monitoring with immediate consequences are key components to Wellness Court’s effectiveness. Second, Wellness Court tries to adopt a more holistic approach to recovery. It requires that participants engage in activities not normally associated with regular probation. Wellness Court requires that participants exercise

regularly at the SunUte Community Center and attend certain cultural activities. The participant chooses which cultural activities they will attend, which include anything from bead working and drum making to sweats and powwows. Wellness Court is a collaborative effort between the Tribal Court, the Probation Office, the Tribal Prosecutor, the Public Defender, the Southern Ute Police Department, Social Services, the Multi-Systemic Therapy (“MST”) program, Tribal Education, various treatment programs, Tribal elders, and concerned community members. Statistics show that individuals who complete Wellness Court are much less likely to reoffend. Now in its 10th year, Wellness Court not only is going strong, the Southern Ute Wellness Court is a model for other tribes seeking to implement a similar program of their own.

Museum hosts ‘fright nights’



The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum is hosting a haunted house during this year's Halloween festivities. Arriving by transport truck from the West Coast on Tuesday, Oct. 11, coffins and other props were unloaded by museum staffers. The elaborate maze of dark alleys and spooky figurines opened to those brave enough to enter on Thursday, Oct. 20. The attraction is advertised as “too frightening for those under age 12.”

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Johnson O’Malley Committee has two (2) vacancies

Eligible and interested parents are urged to submit a letter of intent to the JOM Committee.

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student in the Ignacio or Bayfield school district.
- Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe with a certificate of Indian blood (CIB) or have proof of 1/4 descendency.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Commit to a two-year term.



Interested parties please contact Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793 or email Ellen at esbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Transportation services available to tribal members

- **Tribal elder services:** Rides for Southern Ute tribal elders. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. Number to call: 970-563-0156. Call the day before.
- **CHR (community health representative):** Rides to medical appointments for Native Americans (Southern Ute tribal member priority). 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. Number to call: 970-563-0154.
- **Dialysis transport:** Dialysis transportation provided six days per week for Native American dialysis clients (Southern Ute tribal member priority). 5 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday. Number to call: 970-563-0154.
- **Road Runner Transit Dial-a-Ride:** Rides available to the general public. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and 7 – 9:30 p.m., Monday – Friday; 4 – 9 p.m. Weekend Dial-a-Ride coming soon. Fares: \$0.50 in town, \$1 from surrounding area. Number to call: 970-563-4545. Call the day before.

ROAD RUNNER TRANSIT

New Fall Schedule begins October 11th
Schedules available at www.sucap.org/roadrunner

IGNACIO - DURANGO

Depart Ignacio	Arrive Durango	Depart Durango	Arrive Ignacio (Library)
6:00 AM	6:59 AM	7:08 AM	8:03 AM
8:30 AM	9:27 AM	10:08 AM	11:03 AM
11:55 AM	12:59 PM	1:08 PM	2:03 PM
4:55 PM	5:54 PM	6:03 PM	7:02 PM

BAYFIELD - DURANGO

Depart Bayfield (Library)	Arrive Durango	Depart Durango	Arrive Bayfield
6:50 AM	7:28 AM	7:38 AM	8:11 AM
8:30 AM	9:08 AM	9:38 AM	10:16 AM
11:30 AM	12:08 AM	12:38 PM	1:36 PM
4:30 PM	5:08 pm	5:18 PM	5:58 PM

IGNACIO - AZTEC

Depart Ignacio (Casino)	Arrive Aztec	Depart Aztec	Arrive Ignacio (Casino)
5:40 AM	6:35 AM	6:54 AM	7:41 AM
3:05 PM	3:58 PM	4:14 PM	5:28 PM
5:13 PM	6:04 PM	6:20 PM	7:16 PM



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3RD ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Sky Ute Casino Resort presents Uncle Kracker live in concert Saturday, November 12, 2011. Tickets are \$50 for Reserved Seating and \$35 for General Admission. Tickets can be purchased at www.skyutecasino.com, by visiting the Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop or by calling 888-842-4180 ext. 6269

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Wishes and greetings

Happy belated birthday “Cameron Frost” on October 15, your family loves you. A Happy “18th” Birthday greeting to a terrific young lady, named “Miss Kelsey Frost” on August 24, 2011, from Aunt Vivian.

August 24, 2011
Happy “18th” birthday “k”

Kelsey you came into your family's life a beautiful baby girl. Now look at you. My what a terrific person you have turned out to be. Even though you lost your daddy at such a young age, you have over come that tragic day and continued in life to become the strong person you are today, keep on Smiling girl. Your whole family loves you a LOT! Continue to do good in school. Strive for what you may want out of life and work hard at it. May the great spirit continue to watch over you & your future endeavors you choose?

From your entire family,
and have a good day.

I woke up this morning

Why are we four generations of hurt?
All have been victims of sexual assault
Why does my heart have such pain?
Why do the tears keep rolling down my face?
The salt of my tears stops in the lines of my skin
The salt stings my cracked lips

I see the face in the mirror
What should I do?
Everything
Stop the cycle of sexual assault
Who should I tell?
Everyone
Anyone
Who will listen?

I hold my hand out and hear creator's whisper:
“grab my hand!”
I will help you
I will love you
I will protect you

And you will stop the cycle of sexual assault
I will be strong, and

I believe all grandmother, mothers, aunts, sisters and daughters are sacred

The journey continues
Please walk with me and let us journey together
That we will return to our sacredness through each other; my sisters and my brothers

We will walk the full circle
For each of us to be whole again and
Walk in beauty

Freeing us of sexual violence
This poem was submitted anonymously



Rolling Thunder!

Borrowing the name from which the tribes bowling center was named after, 14 year old youth league bowler Jack M. Frost, III was a Rolling Thunder himself! On Saturday morning, October 15 during the Rolling Thunder youth bowling league, young Jack, III rumbled through the bowling center with an awesome 728 series! This was his first 700 series and as most league bowlers know is not an easy feat to accomplish. His best series before this was a 696 series. He bowled a 262, 234 and a 232. He averaged 242 over the 3 games he bowled. He forms a 2 bowler team with his brother Hunter who is also a very good bowler in his own right. During the 2011 Rocky Mountain State Games Hunter brought back 2 Silver medals and was also recognized as one of 4 outstanding youth athletes for the summer for his bowling accomplishments by the tribes youth athletic department. Hunter and Jack, III each form the team of Angry Native Birds. CONGRATULATIONS JACK, III on your accomplishment and good luck on your team's success this bowling season!

Happy Birthday Madre!

We love you so much mom, more than you can even imagine! You have been such a strong support to us. We will never be able to thank you enough for all of it. Happy Birthday to the best mom in the world and the prettiest lady we've seen!

Love always Deana, Tori & Mikel

Happy Birthday Torts

Happy birthday to the better half in my life! Someone who's there when I need them to be and they don't have to be. Love you with all my heart looking forward to growing old with you!!

Love, your secret admirer

Express Your Opinions

Frost family says ‘thank you’

We, the brothers and sisters of the late Ronald “Ronnie” Frost, would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who attended the wake and services and brought food for our brother Ronnie.

Thank you to the Lopez family from Towaoc, Colo., for the Sun Dance songs; the midnight prayer by Jonas and Joy Grant

from Ft. Duchesne, Utah; the EMTs; Mercy Medical staff; Hood Mortuary; our children, nieces, nephews, high school acquaintances; Dr. Garcia and family from Garcia Chiropractic.

To Linda and Daisy Eagle and Caroline Washington for the Sun Dance meal preparations. Also for the many other individuals who came by to support and gave their condolences.

A big thank you to Ramona

Eagle, Theodosia Frost, Larry and Rhonda and children Larenz, Silas, and Neatris, for the care and love you gave to our brother Ronnie. Although he is gone to the Spirit World, Ronnie will always be in our hearts and daily prayers.

Thank you from:
Clement J., Ray C., Byron,
Dixie, Darlene, Dona
and Debra Frost

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Obituary



Sage, both of Ignacio, eight grandkids, three great-grandbabies and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held Monday, October 10, 2011, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio. Father Douglas Hunt officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1800 E. 3rd Ave., Suite 101, Durango, CO 81301.

ROCK - Bryan Rock, Jr., died Wednesday, October 5, 2011, of natural causes at his home in Ignacio, Colo. He was 81.

Bryan was born December 2, 1929, in Ignacio, the son of Bryan Rock, Sr., and Alice Rock.

He served as a U.S. Marine during the Korean conflict in 1950-53. He and Donna Red were married January 6, 1967, in Durango.

Bryan worked as a fire fighter and in other capacities for the Southern Ute tribe for most of his adult life. He was an avid Denver Broncos fan, and in his spare time he enjoyed reloading rifles, fishing, hunting, being outdoors, and spending time with his grandkids.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters Mercedes Rock Baker and Graces Gallegos.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Rock, of Ignacio; daughters Lenora Rock and Noreen Rock, both of Ignacio; daughter Jessica Rock of Durango; brother Billy Rock and sister Annette

NEW EMPLOYEES



Cindy Carothers

Job title: Detention officer
Description of duties: Safety and security of all inmates, accountability, conduct myself in a professional manner, being fair and consistent.
Hobbies: Scrapbooking, floral arrangements, four-wheeling with family and camping.
Additional comments: Worked for the Tribe at the casino. Very excited to continue working for such a great organization.

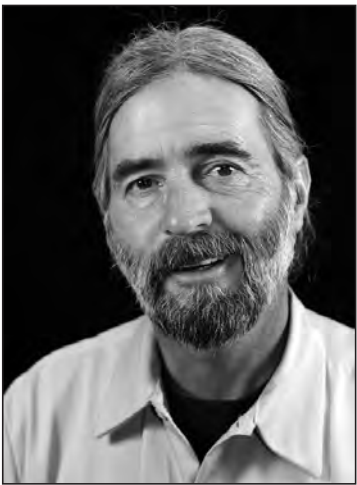
Richard L. Jensen

Job title: Building maintenance technician
Description of duties: Maintenance of tribal facilities.
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, building, upgrading homes and studies of ancient civilizations of the North Americas.



Gerald Michael Yeager

Job title: Heavy Equipment Operator
Description of duties: Work in Ag. Department operating equipment for farming work.



Meredith Rose

(photo unavailable)

Job title: Aide
Description of duties: I monitor the safety and learning of a child enrolled at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Indian Academy.
Hobbies: Being with family, studying literature, history, art and events of the day.

Family: Son, Grandson from former marriage, daughter-in-law, grandchild-to-be.

Additional comments: Interested in asthetics and philosophy of native people, cultures of the world, language. I am a certified facilitator of Feldenkrais method.

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Would you like to have your choice between a brand new Toyota or \$20,000 in CASH?

Be sure to play the slots at Sky Ute Casino this October and November and you will earn entry tickets for your chance to win BIG for Sky Ute Casino Resort's 3rd Anniversary! For every 100 points you earn you will earn 1 entry ticket. Then, on Saturday, December 10 we will draw one name each hour from Noon until 9 p.m. and those lucky winners will become finalists for the grand prize! Immediately following the 9 p.m. finalist drawing, all 10 finalists will gather at the Player's Center, but only one will become the grand prize winner!

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Must be 21 or older. Must show valid picture ID to become a finalist and win a prize. Must be using your Bear Club Card while playing on the slots to earn points and entry tickets. Must go to the Promotional Booth the day of the Grand Prize Drawing to check in for the drawing in order to have your entries put into the electronic drawing drum. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at any time without prior notice. Employees of Sky Ute Casino Resort and their immediate family are not eligible.

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT



The Kidney Corner:

Avoid long-term use of certain anti-inflammatory drugs

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

Recently on the Kidney Corner we have been discussing the treatment of advanced kidney disease by dialysis or transplant.

Today we will turn our attention to prevention of kidney damage by discussing a group of medicines that can cause kidney damage: “non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs,” or NSAIDs. The kidneys are responsible for filtering large quantities of blood every day. This potentially exposes them to correspondingly large amounts of toxins.

Examples of NSAIDs are the common over-the-counter pain meds ibuprofen and naproxen. These are sold as various trade name products including Motrin, Advil, Nupren, Naprosyn, Aleve and Anaprox. Other prescription products include such medicines as diclofenac (Voltaren), ketorolac (Toradol), sulindac (Clinoril), piroxicam (Feldene), indomethacin (Indocin) and flurbiprofen (Ansaid).

In addition, medications called COX II inhibitors such as Celebrex appear to have similar potential for problems with the kidneys.

These medicines are often used for minor pain and inflammation



and usually are quite effective. Many people take them from time to time and have no kidney problems related to their use.

They can cause temporary problems with kidney function if they are combined with certain other medicines, or if the person taking them becomes dehydrated. More serious problems occur when people either have an individual sensitivity to them, or when they are taken daily for long periods.

It is useful to think of the “individual sensitivity” issue as being like an allergy. Most people can take an occasional NSAID without developing a problem. However, patients who have this sort of “allergy” may develop frank kidney failure from taking them for only a few days.

The medical name for this situation is “acute interstitial nephri-

tis.” Making the diagnosis can sometimes be done by urine testing, but may sometimes require a biopsy of the kidney. It is treated by withdrawing the drug (and not using it again), and sometimes with steroids in severe cases.

The prognosis is usually quite good provided the medication has not been taken for long enough to cause permanent damage.

Long-term use of NSAIDs, however, can lead to irreversible kidney disease. This also usually occurs in people who have an individual tendency (like an “allergy”) to develop this problem.

Bottom line: These medications are not necessarily safe for long-term usage. In patients who have no alternatives for pain, I recommend frequent monitoring of kidney function and urine monitoring for albumen so that early kidney damage can be detected.

Other possible side effects of these medicines include stomach irritation, which can lead to stomach bleeding and ulcers. They may also worsen the tendency to develop heart disease, and frequently raise blood pressure, so they should be used with care in patients with hypertension, and should be withdrawn if they cause worsening of blood pressure.

Recipe Rally: Chicken curry with flat bread

Chicken curry - Ingredients

1 large yellow onion
1 small jalapeño
1 Tbsp olive oil
1 clove of garlic (or more to taste)
1 Tbsp “Garam Masala” (found in spice section)
1 cup of chicken or vegetable broth
1 small can of tomatoes paste
1/2 cup low fat yogurt
2 lbs boneless skinless chicken breast
1 Tbsp of ghee or oil

Preparation

Cut the boneless chicken into cubes. Sauté in ghee until no longer pink inside and place aside. Chop onions, jalapeno, & garlic roughly, and sauté in 1 Tbsp of olive oil. Place ingredients in blender. Add broth and tomatoes. Blend until it becomes a liquid. Combine chicken and the blended liquid in

a saucepan. Turn heat onto simmer. Slowly add yogurt. Do not let mixture come to a boil; maintain a low heat for 10 minutes before serving.

Roti (flat bread) - Ingredients

1 cup flour (in India we use durum wheat)
Warm water
1 tsp olive oil
Ghee

Preparation

Mix the flour and oil together until it is evenly distributed. Slowly add water to make soft dough. If it is sticky, add a little more oil. Roll out small portions into thin round bread (like tortillas). Heat 2 burners. Burner #1: medium heat with a pan. Burner #2: medium/high with a cooling grate. Cook on both sides using Burner #1. Transfer to Burner #2 using cooling rack. Place on a plate. Add ghee according to taste.



Our Sister's Keeper Coalition Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Candlelight Vigil

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Ute Mountain Ute Community Center
Towaoc, Colorado

- It is estimated that 98% of Native American Women will be victims of Domestic Violence during their lifetime.
- Boys and Men are also victims of physical, verbal, sexual and mental abuse.
- A candlelight vigil is held to remember those who have been victimized.
- By holding a candle, participants will shine a light onto Domestic Violence, which is often kept in the dark.

- Wear Purple or Bring Something Purple
- Bring a Friend
- Come Show Your Support
- Refreshments will be served



For more information:

Our Sister's Keeper Coalition (970) 259-2519

Pine River Community Learning Center

Ignacio Campus, 535 Candelaria Drive

Home energy assessment:
Oct. 27, 6 – 8 p.m.

Tim Keuski of Verified Green will explain how to cut your energy bills. Insulation, windows, air quality and more.

Sculpting class:

Nov. 5 and 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stephen Wolff will work with individuals at their skill level. View Stephen's work at www.stephenwolffsculpture.com

Call Deb Pace 970-563-0681 to register

Get Your Pink On!

To celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, visit the Sky Ute Casino Salon and get Pink hair extensions! Each strand will be \$6.00 with \$1.00 being donated to the Local Community Foundation! Also, anytime you buy a hair product, your name will go into a drawing for a beautiful, pink gift basket. The drawing for the gift basket will be held on October 31.

You can also come get pampered in the month of October by taking advantage of our 40% off 1-hour facials! As always, facial products are customized for individual skin care needs.

To make an appointment, call the Sky Ute Casino Salon at 970-563-6268.



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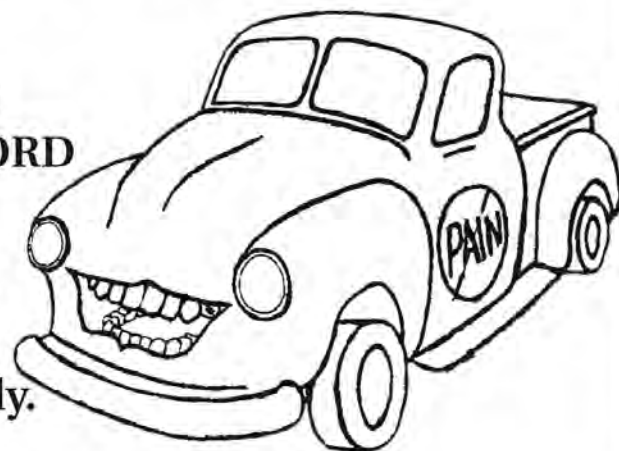
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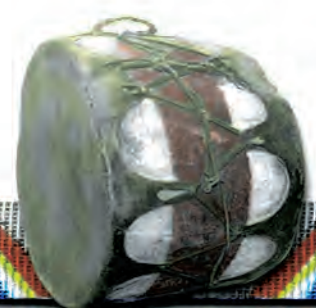


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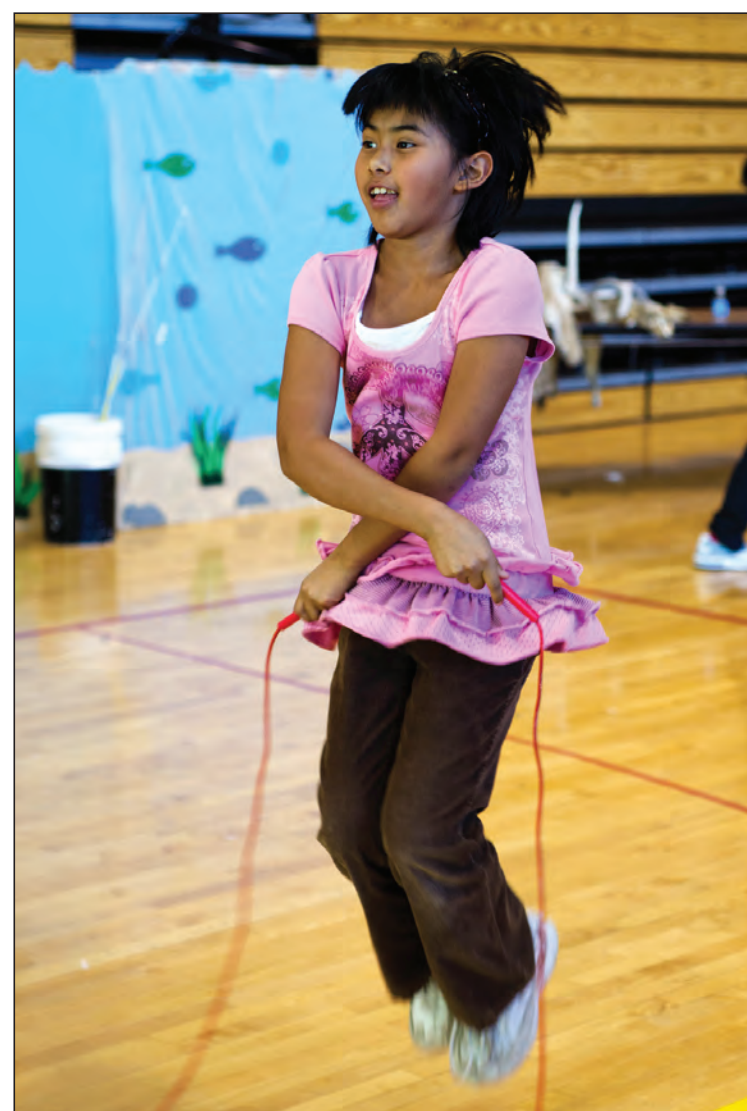


Health Fair draws local youth



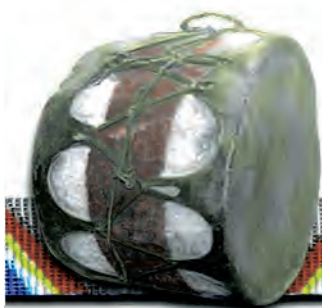
The SunUte Community Center packed its gym once again for the annual Kids Health Fair on Friday, Oct. 14. Organizations from the Southern Ute Police Department to the tribe's Wildlife Division hosted booths with informational sessions and fun exercise routines designed to promote general wellness.

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A tobacco-related health demonstration featured a set of lungs attached to forced air, simulating the adverse health effects of artificial tobacco products. Local firefighters dressed willing participants in emergency gear, including oxygen masks — a student favorite.





Lights, sirens and ladders



Don't be alarmed: A swarm of fire trucks and police vehicles surrounding the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start building on Wednesday, Oct. 12 wasn't what it seemed. The authorities were visiting as part of a pair of coinciding special events. Students visited with firefighters (above) as part of Fire Safety Awareness Week, while Southern Ute Police Department officers spent time answering questions for one class's Career Day (left).

photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Young artists corner



photo courtesy Avaleena Nanaeto

Students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy went on a field trip to Ute Mountain Park. They found pottery. Their guide, Scotty, asked them to please not pick it up.

Education update

October and November classes for tribal members

Apple pies, meringue pies and Halloween snacks: Saturday, Oct. 22. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Ed. kitchen. Participants will learn to make a fool-proof pie crust and fresh apple, pumpkin, lemon meringue, and key lime pies, as well as fun and easy Halloween treats, such as popcorn balls and candy snacks.

Thanksgiving turkey and stuffing: Wednesday, Nov. 16. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Ed. kitchen. Participants will learn to season, prepare, stuff and cook a turkey. We will use tribal members' best recipes. Participants should bring a side dish, as we will have a Thanksgiving dinner. A drawing will take place for the turkey we cook in class.

Contact Luana Herrera at Higher Education 970-563-0237 to sign up for either or both classes.

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Nov. 4, Dec. 2 and Jan. 6. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Education Building on Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

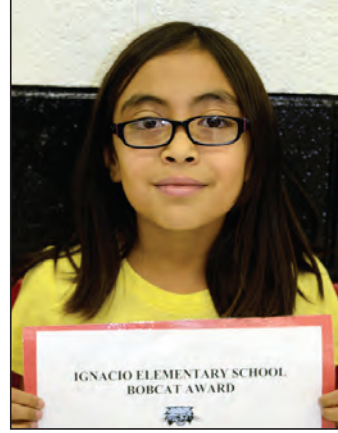
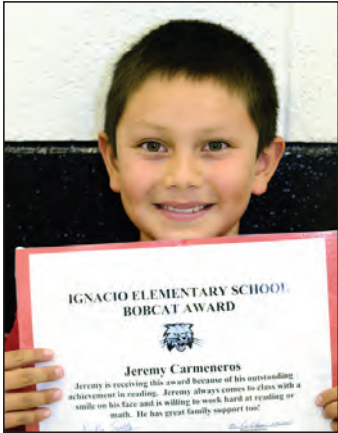
Lights, cameras, PeaceJam



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

A group of budding artists set out across the grounds near the SunUte Community Center with cameras in hand on Tuesday, Oct 18. Under the guidance of Crystal Thompson of the Southern Ute Police Department, the Boys & Girls Club's PeaceJam project invites participants to create a presentation showcasing their combined efforts at the end of the course. The young photographers worked hard to photograph nature and litter around SunUte.

Bobcats of the Month



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for January for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Alric Hudson, Gracelin Naranjo, Jasmyne Doyebi, Jeremy Carmeneros, Julian White, KaLynn Weaver, Krystyn Weaver, Ruth Burch, Sierra Red and Torrica Howe.

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October 21, 2011

Tahgum-soo-wee-knee soo-koos spiku-up (11)

Summer

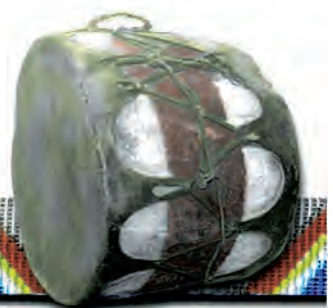


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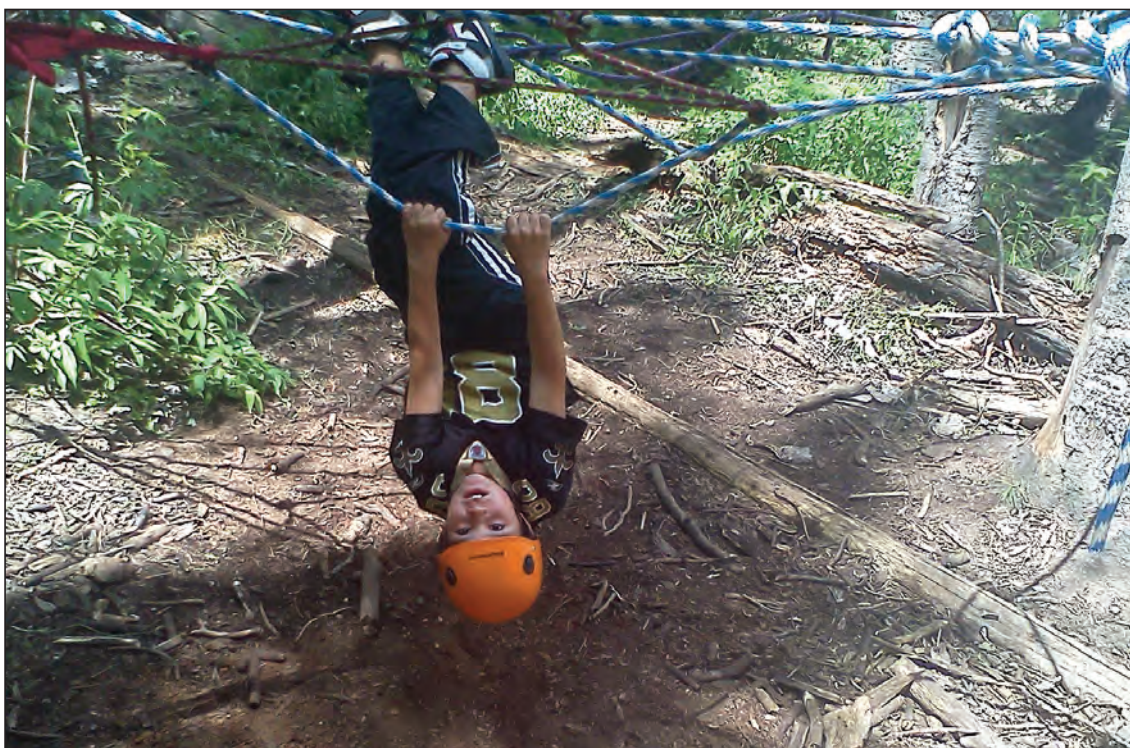


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Education Department's summer of fun



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The Southern Ute Education Department was busy over the summer, hosting a variety of fun and educational activities for community youth. Anthony Suina and Brandon Bigleggins (top left) place a native flower for their plant press book on the Explore Colorado 2011 trip while learning about plants Ute Indians used to use for medicinal purposes; Explore Colorado 2011 (top right) stopped at Dinosaur National Monument to learn about the dinosaurs that inhabited the area millions of years ago; Larenz Wilbourn (above left) hangs upside-down at Durango Mountain Resort while completing a ropes course; young explorers (above right) Larenz Wilbourn, Lakota Bartley, Elijah Weaver and Jonas Nanaeto search for crawfish in the stream at the Town Park in Ignacio as part of a lesson on habitats; Maylon Newton and Jasmine Howell (above near left) look for native flora for a plant press at the Sun Dance grounds in White Rock, Utah, while participating in the Explore Colorado 2011 trip to Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely, Colo.; a rafting trip down the Green River (center) proved to be quite an experience for participants of the Explore Colorado 2011 trip, including Brandon Bigleggins, Xavier Reynolds and Devin Wilhelm, who take a soak afterwards; girlfriends (above near right) smile for the camera at the Durango Discovery Museum — Summer Youth Employee Brianna Goodtracks-Alires, KaLynn Weaver, Lexy Young and Dominique Rael; Reynelda Martinez and SaRya Coyote (above center) learn an important lesson in math during the Youth In Action for Kindergarten and first graders at the Southern Ute Education Center; Emily Lohrey (bottom right) takes a break to soak her feet outside the Southern Cultural Center & Museum, where the Youth in Action participants in the second and third grades explored the stream after a lesson on habitats.

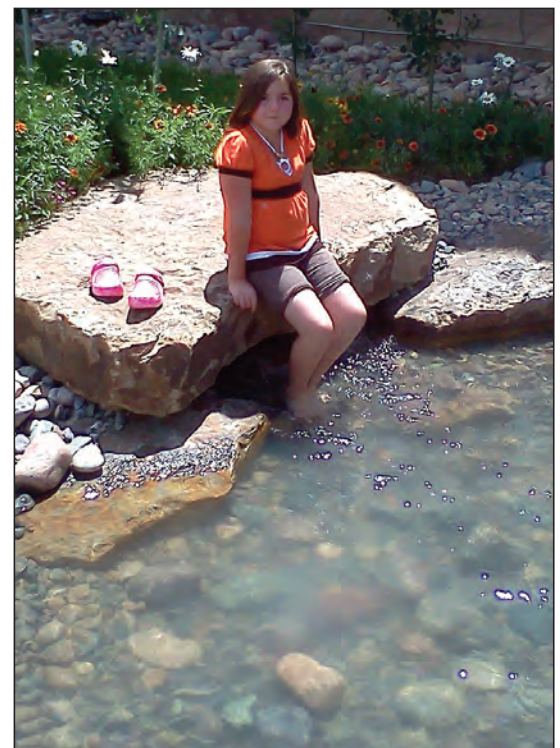


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Warriors of health tackle 5K challenge



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Healthy Warriors Program sponsored a 5K walk/run on Thursday, Oct. 6. Participants willing to brave the early winter weather were met with a slight drizzle and gusty winds as they made their way across tribal campus and out to County Rd. 521 (Buck Highway) before reconvening in the Mouache-Capote Building for their awards. Heather White Thunder finished first among participants.





HELP
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CANCER

SunUte would like to thank Tribal council for their support in promoting Breast Cancer Awareness Month by donating to the Women's Health Coalition of Southwest Colorado!

All types of cancer affect so many lives. let's do our part by making a donation on behalf of a loved one at the SunUte Community Center.

The money raised will go to the local organization that offers assistance to help men and women who are receiving treatment or recently completed treatment for reproductive cancer (breast, cervical, ovarian, prostate and testicular).

Donators will receive a gift with their donation (while supplies last).



SunUte Community Center
290 Moache Circle
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0214



Health Fair At the Sky Ute Casino Event Center
Sponsored by Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services

Friday, November 4, 2011
9:00am ~ 3:00 pm
Contact: Health Services
(970) 563-0154

~Free Health Screening~

~ HIV & Aids ~ Blood Pressure ~ Cholesterol Testing ~

~Glucose Screening ~ Pulmonary Testing ~Oximeter Testing~

~ Clinics ~

~ Wheelchair Repair~

~ Other Health Awareness ~

~ Acupuncture ~ Audiologist ~ Chiropractic ~ Cancer ~ Dentist ~ Diabetes ~

Eye Care Providers ~ Holistic Healing ~ Mammogram Party's ~ Massages ~

Women's Resource Center~

~ Flu Shots~

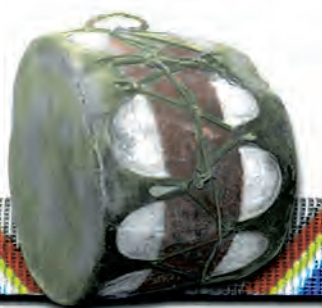
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~ Much More ~



2011 Southern Ute election statements

Nov. 1 Special election – Council candidates

Byron Frost



Mique Pino-Nuuchu,

I am Byron Frost. My parents are the late Jack and Annetta Frost, and I am running for the one-year term for Southern Ute Tribal Council.

I believe that in order to run in an election for the Tribal Council, an individual must show he has Experience, Leadership Qualities, Education, Knowledge in issues that involve water, land, business ventures and social issues that affect our tribal members, and must have the trust of the Tribal Membership.

When I completed high school, I became interested in the aspects of Civil Engineering work. My goal was to get my education in the Civil Engineering field. I had accomplished this and worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 15 years. During these years I was the supervisor of the Engineering Department and

also wore another hat as the Environmental Coordinator for the bureau. I also worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for approximately 20 years in various capacities.

Because of the education and experience in the civil engineering field I was chosen to become the Tribal Business Manager of the joint-venture company “Red Bear Construction.” This joint-venture was between Durango Construction and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I also worked for Natural Resource Department as a Wildlife Officer and Lands Division Head. While working for Natural Resource Department I was involved in land and water issues, purchasing property to consolidate tribal lands, and also reviewing archaeological sites for clearances.

When I wasn’t employed by the tribe, I developed a business plan for the SunUte Community Center and approached the Tribal Council and Tribal Chairman to have this center constructed. I and my son would mention this building at every general meeting to council members and stated to them how important our health is and how everyone would enjoy this build-

ing. It took us 10 years of meetings before council approved SunUte to be constructed.

All tribal members have received various correspondences from the Growth Fund through a newsletter regarding information on investments that include Oil & Gas Ventures and Real Estate Ventures. By reading the general information it would seem that the investments that the tribe had bought into are being sold because they failed to meet the return as per Tribal Council directive. It is obvious the investments were approved without proper due diligence by the Tribal Council.

Because of the lack of education and experience in business ventures we the tribe will keep approving bad business deals which are brought to them by the Growth Fund Business Committee. It is imperative that council members understand what is to be approved. With my experience, education, and knowledge of understanding the business aspects I assure you, due diligence on my part will be completed before approving investments or ventures.

While reading the Southern Ute Drum, I was concerned about the individuals that were recently hired, because it would seem that tribal member employment status has been thrown out

the window. What has happened to “Tribal Preference”? As a Tribal Councilor I will not back down from racism against our people when it exists.

We can no longer turn our heads against our people and make excuses on why we can’t hire them. Can a change be made? Of course it can. We as councilors have a duty to make sure equality exists for employment. If elected as a Tribal Councilman I will investigate any and all employment concerns and bring in the proper individuals to combat racism when it exists.

I have an allotment and tribal land assignment that I produce hay from. I pay quite a bit for the water through what they call O&M (Operation and Maintenance) fees. I feel as a tribal member we should not have to be paying O&M fees back to the tribe for use of tribal land, mainly because our ditches are not maintained and most of us that have Tribal Land Assignments don’t receive the water that is allocated to irrigate with.

I know the past Chairmen for the Southern Ute Tribe were working on the water issue so that we would be able to receive more monies from the Government to maintain our canals. I don’t know whatever happened to that issue, but if elected I will pursue that matter so that we assignment holders

and allottee holders can begin to use water that is allocated for our agricultural fields.

I have been attending the Ute Language 101 class and have greatly appreciated hearing and learning to write and speak Ute. My parents conversed in Ute to me when they were alive and because they weren’t around to speak it, I gradually began not to understand the language, because there are very few elders that speak it.

If elected as a Council Member I will support all Ute Language Classes that are available to teach all tribal members that beautiful language that we have. As the former Sun Dance Chief which I led for approximately 10 years, I respect our culture and tradition that each tribal family has, because it is the spiritual ways of our being that we exist as Nuuchu.

Each Tribal Member should have received a survey to complete regarding use of tribal land. The survey was to be sent back to a company in Durango who was in charge of the survey. My concern is why do we need to contract out this survey. Department of Natural Resource with all of their employees should have the knowledge to do the survey and send it out. If elected as a Tribal Councilman I will not approve any contracting out work, I will

hold accountable the department to do their own work as required.

I recently read in the minutes approval of the Tribal Surveyor to survey allotment properties for Allottees, because the Bureau didn’t have any funds to hire a surveyor. It stated, there were allottees that approved of this. My concern as an allottee is, I wasn’t contacted to approve of releasing the Bureau of their responsibility. If elected Tribal Councilman I will protect the Allottees’ rights and make sure the Bureau of Indian Affairs has contacted all allottees for their comments before involving the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

In conclusion, there are a lot of issues on the table that will need to be addressed and approved by the Tribal Council, which could have great impact on our lives, so it is important you select the right individual to make sound decisions. With my experience, education, knowledge and my cultural and traditional upbringing I have the confidence to approve issues that will benefit the Southern Ute Tribal Membership.

So Vote Byron Frost, on November 1, 2011, for a better tomorrow for our future generation.

Thank you, may the creator give you the strength from the rising sun to live a long enjoyable life and to take care of your family and relatives. Aho.

Elise V. Redd



I am the daughter of Bonnie L. Redd and the Late Albert Gunn Redd Sr. My Paternal grandparents are Addie Gunn and Albert Redd. I have two children and three grandchildren, and have resided on the Southern Ute Indian reservation for most of my adult life, 28 years. I have

worked in various positions, and departments within the tribal government, beginning at the community center, the Sky Ute Gallery, Sky Ute Bingo, KSUT, and Tribal Health Services. I was also a volunteer on the ambulance for several years, and became a certified EMT-IV. I currently co-teach monthly life skills classes for the Higher Education department, and seasonal craft classes for the Elder Services program.

Within the Tribal Government there are many good benefits to the membership, but there are also many gaps. One area I have seen gaps are within the Tribal Court and Justice system. A Few years ago I attended four (4) court sessions within a period of three (3) months. At each hearing there were on average 3 or 4 cases involving other Indians that do not reside on this reservation,

charged with DUI, DWAI, careless and reckless driving. Each one of these other Indians walked with deferred sentences, and up to one year to pay fines to the court. One of these people was advised to seek probation in their home state, a state known for zero tolerance. On the other hand the Tribal Members were prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Unbiased and fair?

The preservation of our culture and traditions is important, as well as the knowledge of our elders, as they hold the key to the past and understand its impact on our future. Culture and language are family-based values, learning begins at home, but it is everyone’s responsibility to uphold these teachings. How we provide services and business for the membership should reflect the culture it represents. Not to conform, but to uphold it, and keep it

intact. This should be evident in the handling of cases within the Social Services Division, and put an emphasis on healing our youth, not prosecuting them. Lets support and heal our membership, incorporating the culture, helping parents, not punishing them.

As for bonuses, severances and other out of our pocket expenses for the government and staff. I do not support, severance packages to all employees who choose to leave their positions to retire, or move on. The severance package needs revision. The Tribal Council and appointed staff also receive a severance package of six (6) months. These are elected and appointed officials that serve at the pleasure of the voters. Should they receive severance? I say NO. They know the terms of service when they are elected or appointed.

Investments and businesses we have need to be accountable to

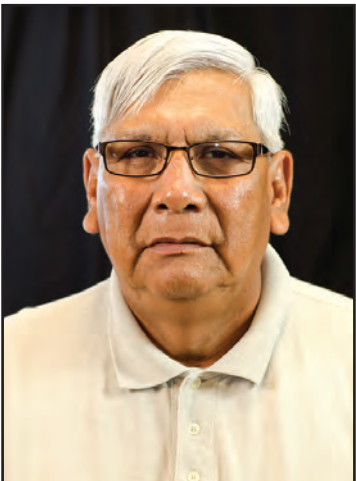
the tribal people. We need to know the individual profitability of each business, quarterly. We have many tribal members with business knowledge, degrees in accounting, and business management. We need to enlist their expertise for better accountability. Our investments should be profitable, and give greatest return on our investments.

I would like to see more tribal members employed within the tribe. For many years we have been hearing from the government, that one day these positions will be taken over by tribal members. I say that day is today. We need to value our tribal members, knowledge and education, by hiring them for these positions held by non-members. I think the internship program needs to be evaluated. I see a lot of interns but their full-time employment never occurs.

I have a diverse employment background and believe I know and understand the needs the tribal membership, because I have worked with the tribal membership in different aspects of their lives, and with all age groups. I am familiar with challenges faced by the membership in regards to Social Services, health care, and the court system for both the adults and youth.

I ask for your vote in the Special Election on November 1st. I welcome your concerns and questions, in person, by e-mail at eliseredd@yahoo.com, on Facebook, or by telephone at 970-779-8149. If I am elected I will speak strong and clear on behalf of the Tribal Membership. I will listen to your concerns with compassion and interest. Because I know the Tribal Council should be the voice of the Tribal Membership. Toghoy-aqh.

Howard D. Richards Sr.



Greetings,

My name is Howard D. Richards Sr. I am running as a candidate for the position of Tribal Council member on November 1st, 2011.

What I’ve heard from most of the membership is Health Care. As your council member, I would look on developing a health care plan that would meet the needs of the entire membership. The membership pay for benefits to its employees, president membership has no benefits. It’s my hope that working with the council, we can develop a membership health plan.

Another part of the Health issue is living healthy. Our Administration can and will be more proactive in an educational mode to assist the entire membership on being healthy.

As you are aware the economy has impacted our way of life. Having heard from the growth fund it is clear that we have to tighten our belts. This present administration has to look in the future. Administration needs to look at how we deliver with what we have. Council needs to evaluate the growth of the administration, i.e., possible hiring freezes, except for tribal members. Construction of buildings will not happen as there is no planning. Ex. New juvenile detention facility that was constructed is now going to be used for office space. Such a big waste of tribal membership monies. Freeze purchasing of vehicles and stop employees to include law enforcement from taking vehicles home.

The other priority of mine is education. Again it is to meet with our education department for the purpose of understanding what is being provided to you and are we meeting our goals. Another is meeting with all

superintendents of school districts to see if they are meeting the needs of our students.

Another priority is Housing. As our membership grows, so does the need for housing. As you are aware our membership exceeds the guidelines for HUD Homes. I believe we have a better understanding through surveys of the needs of you our membership. We need to look 10 years into the future, this meaning on meeting with your housing director on developing a plan on housing issues into the future.

I will look closely to the immediate need of our housing — home repair, weatherization. How does our service provider fit into this issue? Are they meeting their goals and objectives? As your Council member I need to carry forward the letter that was mailed to the membership on the survey on the status of our housing. I speak to the promise of home repair and our elders as number one priority.

Another priority is our land. What are we doing or not doing, giving back to what the Creator has given us. We take from the land but never give back. We need to look at reservation maintenance. We need to hold meet-

ings with our Natural Resources staff, Energy and others to identify the need of our land and wildlife.

The need on my part is to review our financial plan to see if all the above would work. If not, see how and what Council needs to do to make it work.

The other issue is working more closely with the Growth Fund. I will look and work with the Director of the Growth Fund. This is to address many of your issues that I’ve heard.

The final point is, why should you vote for me?

1. I bring to the membership many years as a Council Member, Vice Chairman and Chairman, since 1991.

2. I have an Administration background as Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

3. Knowledge of our Tribal Laws; served as a Police Officer and Wildlife Officer. 1979 – 1986

4. I have worked with present employees of existing Tribal Administration.

5. I am willing to listen to your concerns and find a resolution to your concern.

6. I am a people person.

7. I am an Honorably Discharged combat Veteran (Vietnam). Member of our Veteran Association.

8. Have testified before Congress on many issues. Sovereignty, water, jurisdiction, land, Tribal jails, courts, education.

9. Worked with the White House on invitation of the President on roundtable discussions on Energy Development and educational issues.

I feel it is very important you look at my position on issues and accomplishments as you prepare to cast

your vote in the upcoming election for Tribal Council member.

As a Tribal leader, as a Council member I will protect your rights, your interests, attend all scheduled council meetings and never put my personal needs before yours.

So in closing I ask each and every one of you, your vote and support.

May the Creator watch over each and every one of you.

*Respectfully submitted,
Howard D. Richards Sr.
Candidate for
Tribal Council member*

Meet the Candidates Night

Special election

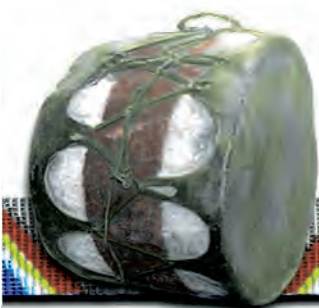
Tribal Council member seat (1)
Friday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center

General election

Tribal Council member seats (2)
Monday, Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center

General election

Tribal chairman seat
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center



Election

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October 21, 2011



Nov. 1 Special election – Council candidates

Corliss M. Taylor



Dear Tribal Members,

The purpose of this article is to ask for your vote to elect me to

the position of tribal council on Tuesday, November 1st, for the “Special Election” (remaining term of former Council member Jimmy Newton). As one of the four candidates running for this position I can “humbly” say my knowledge and experience qualifies me for the position and I have lived on the Southern Ute Reservation the majority of my 60 years.

I’ve served on tribal council from 1997 to 2000 and was involved in development and approval of our Tribal Financial Plan, Tribal Retirement Plan, SU Academy School, Tribal Scholarship Program, Tribal Members Health Benefits Program and the SunUte Recreation Center

to name a few examples. I was the tribal representative to the Albuquerque Health Board, SIPI Board of Regions, Museum Board and also the council representative to the Growth Fund Financial Committee. During my term I was also appointed at various times Acting Tribal Chairperson and last year of my council term was appointed the Tribal Treasurer. Then I worked approximately five years for the tribe as the Executive Assistant to the Chairman and Council under two administrations. Prior to 1997 I worked 27 years with the Federal Government (five years with the BIA and 22 years with Indian Health Service). Due to my experience with my previous employment served three

years (2004 – 2007) on the Mercy Regional Medical Center Board of Directors.

On a personal note my parents were Emily Williams Taylor and John Salvador (Chavo) Taylor — grandparents were Cora Allen Burch, John Spencer Williams, Lee Joe Jefferson, Frances Manzanares and Edwin Cloud Taylor. I’ve been divorced and remarried for 23 years, but now a widow. Raised all three of my children, one niece, and one granddaughter here on the reservation and also devoted my time to caring for my mother who was handicapped up to the day she died. Involved and dedicated with every aspect of my children’s education which resulted

in two receiving their college degrees from ASU & CU. Former member of the Southern Ute Powwow Committee since 1974 holding various officer positions and was involved with my daughter when she held all three titles of the tribal royalty and also Miss Indian Colorado.

Realistically I believe everything is important from tribal member concerns to our culture to tribal administrative business to our government-to-government relations. If one has good time-management skills all can be accomplished and not neglected. Consider myself a person that one can easily approach or talk with on any subject without feeling intimidated or less important.

The position of tribal council is not your average day-to-day eight-hour job but 24/7 that requires modification, dedication and understanding. I have no problem with tribal members coming to my home and invite you to do so.

Believing I can still contribute to the tribal membership and work with those on tribal council who want to make a difference for the best interest of the membership.

Again I would appreciate your vote on November 1st. Thank you.

*Respectfully submitted,
Corliss M. Taylor,
Candidate for Tribal Council
“Special Election”*

Nov. 4 General election – Council candidates

Marge Borst



Mikque Nuchu,

I’m Marge Borst and I seek your vote for a seat on the Southern Ute

Tribal Council. First of all, serving and representing the Membership over the past three years has truly been an honor and a privilege. Leadership is a challenge but it is also a calling and therefore, my decision to run again was driven by my deep commitment to continue to resolve issues and build bridges; to reach out and hear your concerns.

It has been said that Tribal Council does not listen or does not share information with the membership.

If elected, I will:

- Ensure Tribal Council listens to your concerns by promoting more general meetings or “Listening Sessions.” Followed

by Goals and Objectives.

- Forward the projects and initiatives you want.

My intention is to:

- Look for new ways to have our members engaged and taking part in sharing their ideas for change in our government.
- Look for new ways to have our Tribal Members be hired by our Tribal Government.
- Explore innovative ways to create employment through new business ventures.
- Champion new training and development programs for our Tribal Members so they increase their job marketability.

My relatives, we are at the cross-

roads of change. We are voting for a Chairman AND two thirds of the Council. Also, our National election is upon us. Tribal Government is partially run by state and federal grants; cuts in the new federal budget could affect our programs and there will be many issues brought forth. We need SOLID Leadership who are decision makers, who solve problems, look for efficiencies, and most important communicate to the people their worth and potential. Tribal Council needs your involvement.

I will continue to encourage and support our healthcare system. Accountability is also important and therefore, I will fight for a healthcare system that will be more focused on:

Proactive, preventative measures such as annual health assessments, physical activity, preventive medicines, and nutritional education.

Promote Tribal Member involvement in establishing a new Health Clinic and Wellness Center.

The Southern Ute Nation is a great Nation and I would like your support in solidifying our traditional cultural lifestyle. I am ready to listen, to serve, and to help bring a sharper vision to the future of our people. Based on my past experience, work ethics, instilled with the principles and values of Native beliefs I step forward with courage and commitment... VOTE MARGE BORST for Tribal Council...

Alex Cloud



Candidate statement was not available at press time.

Andrew C. Frost



Mique’, Greetings Tribal members,

My name is Andrew Carey Frost and I am announcing my candidacy for one of the two seats in the upcoming November general election. My parents are Jack McClure Frost Sr. and Sharon Howell-Pinnecoose. My Paternal Grandparents are the late Andrew Frost and Bertha Norris Frost, my Maternal Grandparents are the late John Stonerod and Thelma Stonerod. I am an enrolled member of the Mouache/Capote Band of the Southern Ute Tribe, and I am of the Kitkahaki and Skidi Bands of Pawnee, and Southern Cheyenne.

I am the father of three children, a husband, uncle, brother, friend and now a grandfather. I serve as Headsman of the Four Corners Gourd Dance Society and I consider myself a young Sundancer with many years to fulfill. The Red Road has given me strength, guidance and purpose, and I would be honored to be your representative and share a vision that comes with those life changes.

The time has come for me to serve you, my Ute family. I have served the current administration for the last six months as Executive Officer for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe under Chairwoman Pearl E. Casias, who was elected as the first woman chair in the tribe’s history. I also served as Co-Executive Officer of Tribal Administration under former Chairman Box who resigned in February 2011. Those experiences over the past three years, I have served with honor to the Ute people. As Executive officer I work with our Tribal Employees and the current Tribal Council. I will continue to sit in on the various meetings with the Growth Fund, Sky Ute Casino, and many other entities. I continue to serve the tribal membership daily and responsibly by treating each one fairly, equally

and in a respectful manner. I do admit to faults and weaknesses, but those can be overcome.

I have witnessed many things while serving, first as Co-Executive Officer and then as the current Executive Officer and I have learned to treat people as they wish to be treated and that people will not respect you, unless you seek openness and speak the truth.

The Tribal Council has the ability to work together and shape the course of our Tribes future. We are labled a ‘progressive’ tribe by other tribes and entities. This is very true in the way we deal with other governments, including those at the State, Federal and local levels. In order to maintain this status, we have to continue the good work of the previous councils and we must continue to stay true to the vision of the men and women who came before us and blazed a trail for the Southern Utes.

I am truly excited to provide some thoughts on the important issues that we face as Southern Utes:

- Policies and Procedures: Most are outdated and the system is flawed because previous administrations have allowed this to continue as “business as usual.” The

system can be fixed and improved for the benefit of future generations of tribal members, including those who have not been born yet. The system is keeping us bogged down in the past and now it is time to grow up and move beyond the old way of doing business. The system is why some longer-term employees have become complacent and are not open to change; this causes people to become territorial and compartmentalized, making real growth impossible. Tribal Council has the ability to make real changes by doing away with those outdated policies. New ones are ready to come forward for approval, but for whatever reason, they have not and we continue to utilize those old policies, which may have worked for us in the past, but they do not work for us today.

- Culture Preservation and Ute Traditions: Other candidates speak of how they are going to bring culture “back” to the tribe and its members. An elder once told me: “Culture does not exist in the dictionary and has no meaning in our tribe!” We are living the culture and no one recognizes that. As a part of that, losing our language is the number one concern of all members young and old, because the loss of our language threatens our future as a

people, and with it the culture and all that exists because of it will fade away. We must continue the good work started by the Culture Department Director, the Elders Language and Culture Committee, and other Ute-speaking teachers, by continuing to teach the Ute Language to all who wish to speak it, and then we can move our language and culture into the future together.

- Tribal Employment/TERO: We have put many people to work who were not hireable under the old policy. We will continue to work together and create positions and internships to put more of our tribal people to work who really wish to work.

- Protecting the Financial Plan: The financial plan has placed us where we were meant to be at this point in history and very few people acknowledge that. We are very fortunate to have leaders who thought of our future wellbeing 10 years ago. We may have to revisit the financial plan to adopt new reforms so we can continue to prosper into perpetuity.

- Tribal Health Care: The tribe has made vast improvements to Health Care by taking over our own clinic and by winning a very important court case where we are able to receive Contract

Support Cost dollars which is a big win for all tribes in Indian Country. We are looking at building up our current clinic while studying future plans for a much needed, larger Health Center.




- Tribal Credit: Credit is close to bringing their updated policies to council for the benefit of all members who have struggled to borrow money from the tribe in the past. These updated policies will reduce the burden on the member who may have credit issues and will ensure that they will become educated on their financial needs.

- Social Services/Traditional Families: Social Services does not exist to remove children from families, they are working to reunite families torn apart by alcohol and drug abuse, physical and emotional abuse and neglect. The division works with the wellness court to treat the mental physical, spiritual and emotional needs of all clients. Turnover is high in this field and we must retain those professionals who will continue to work hard to make a difference in our member’s family’s lives.

- Code of Ethics: The code is back with new language and a


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ANDREW C. FROST



VOTE ~ NOVEMBER 4th ~ FOR:

- ✓ **DEDICATION & ACCOUNTABILITY**
- ✓ **COMMITTED TO SERVING TRIBAL MEMBERS**
- ✓ **TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE**
- ✓ **TRADITIONAL FAMILY & SPIRITUAL VALUES**
- ✓ **RESPECT, FAIR, EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL**

ELECT TO REPRESENT OUR PEOPLE:  **Andrew C. Frost**



Candidate for "Special Election"



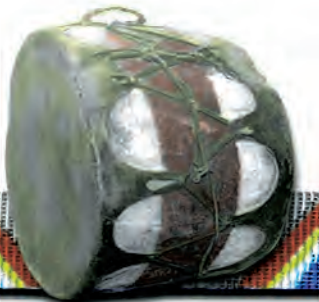
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Tuesday, November 1, 2011



Corliss Taylor

No Promises - Just Dedication to Serve



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new committee which is forming to oversee complaints from those who feel they may have been mistreated by those in a higher position that are not subject to the personnel policy. We will do everything possible to ensure that each complaint will receive full investigation, and those who stand accused will be held accountable.

- Education: Higher education continues to be a priority of the tribal council and they are listening to those who wish to

better themselves by obtaining a quality education. We will continue to see that your needs are met, and we will improve the manner with which we hire those with a degree.

- Tribal Housing Needs: There are existing parcels of land in the C.R.318 area West of Cedar Point that are still waiting to be developed. This can be built out to make way for more housing. Our members continue to struggle to find a place of their own while the

waiting list grows each day for emergency housing and regular housing. We can open those lands up to development.

- Southern Utes Living Off the Reservation: There are many Southern Ute families who choose to live across the United States, and they are also struggling from the economic crisis. They too are held back by antiquated policies and some do not have access to services that members who live on the reser-

vation enjoy. All members wherever they are should be treated fairly and equally.

I look back over the previous years at a great leader this tribe once had, former Chairman Leonard C. Burch. His successes and achievements came with sacrifices for his people. His dedication, vision for the future, and quality of his work meant the promise of a better future. We will always remember the 36 years of

committed service he gave to his tribe, and the progress he oversaw at the Tribal, State, local and Federal Government levels. We must not forget his vision...

My experience, work history and personal spiritual development, has created a sacred circle, and it is time for me to give something back to the Southern Ute people for your patience and frustration. I feel that I could make a positive, dedicated difference by working together with the other

members of this council, for your benefit, fairly and equally.

In closing, I humbly ask for your vote, your support and your trust to become your next elected Councilman on Friday, November 4, 2011.

Thank you, and May the Creator bless you and watch over all of us, now and forever.

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Andrew C. Frost
Census no. 748

Pathimi GoodTracks



Dear tribal members:

I offer the following statements in addition to those already provided to you. I will be continuing

my visits with the membership. Please call me if you prefer to talk over the phone, or have a particular time in mind (855-563-9494 or 970-759-7807).

Budget Decisions

We all know Council approves budgets. The more important questions are who decides what is presented to Council and who decides what Dept gets cuts and who is spared? There was a time when the Tribe approached things much differently. Department Directors reviewed the tribal budget as a cohesive team. The budget process was transparent and Directors willingly cut fat from their budget so important services would remain intact. They worked in the inter-

est of the tribe. We can improve the level of membership-based decisions, thoughtfulness and transparency. At the very minimum, Directors must participate in the discussion as a team. I would include tribal member budget owners as a mentoring tool and to obtain their insight regarding the needs of the membership. The result will be options balanced in favor of what is important to the membership and therefore the Tribe.

Tribal Member Staff

Direct acknowledgement of the dedicated tribal members working within the tribal organization must be made. Salary and incentives provided to tribal member staff must take into account their

superior knowledge of the So. Ute Indian Tribe and tribal community, their honoring of past So. Ute elders by becoming productive staff members, and their demonstrated personal investment in the tribal organization for the generations of children who follow. No other people in this world are capable of providing the So. Ute Tribe with these qualifications. It needs to be acknowledged and incorporated into the tribal organization. Discussing, talking or agreeing does not bring change. Placing it into policy and then actively practicing it, does.

Land, Water, Animals, Plants (Cultural Resources)
I have gone on field visits and

the most recent was with an older tribal member on the condition of our water springs. We need to maintain the land, water, springs, animals, plants, cultural resources and the roads that provide tribal member access. We need live and flowing water springs with useable water. Idle land needs to be placed into beneficial use. Range fences need maintenance. Passable roads are necessary for plant gathering, hunting, spring water, and accessibility to families so children/grandchildren maintain a connection to the natural world. We need to show them where tribal lands are located, where certain plants grow, the location of springs, historical events, cabins and cultural resources, where certain wildlife resides, how to hunt and the impor-

tance of the natural world. This sits at the core of being a tribal individual. Without this understanding, everyone is less prepared for the challenges that exist. All these have a strong bearing on and support cultural sovereignty. It's easy for staff to forget when the Tribe has yet to establish it as an important annual task. You can show me what your concerns are. Call me and we'll set up a field visit.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote on Nov. 4th for one (1) of two seats on Tribal Council.

For updated information, visit www.voteathimi.com Share the information with your family.

Respectfully,
Pathimi GoodTracks

Vicenti (Vince) Mirabal



Maykh Pinu Nuuchiul! (Greetings, Ignacio Southern Utes!)

My name is Vicenti Mirabal — known to most as “Vince.” I am a candidate for a seat on Tribal Council and I would like to represent Tribal Members through dedication, hard work, and leadership while in office. I ask that you cast your vote for me in the coming election and if elected I will serve you without prejudice.

I am a mortal man and have travelled on and off the red road in the shoes of many of our brothers and sisters. Today, I stand on common ground with my people on a mission to better our tribal government. I wish to do so by actively participating as a member of Tribal Council.

I believe all elected council members bring with them passion, however, passion alone will not lead to the Tribal Council acting collectively in a prudent,

responsible manner. The election process allows membership to change the makeup of Tribal Council through each election, and change is what we need!

On a daily basis many issues and concerns regarding our very livelihood are brought to the leadership for approval. (In reality, no one is seeking “direction” from Council — they are seeking “approval” for “what they want to do” — if they were working under effective contracts, their motivations for “what they want to do” would “align” with what is in the best interest of the Tribe. Not necessarily the case now). These matters involve every age group from infancy to our elders and the decisions made impact the entire Tribal community's future including our members who reside off the Southern Ute Reservation. There are two questions I have regarding these issues: Do Council Members have the background, education, and skill to understand the impact of these decisions on the Financial Plan and the future of the Tribe, and do they allocate the appropriate amount of time and energy to understand these issues before voting on them?

- The Financial Plan was created more than a decade ago, is it still the appropriate guide for both current and future operations of both our businesses and government?
- For example multi-million dollar contracts come to the Tribal Council for a decision, in my opinion they are being

approved because a director says it is the right thing to do. Council is relying solely on the recommendations of others.

- In the last General meeting it was brought out that the permanent fund has 1.8 billion dollars in stocks and bonds. Have we balanced risk and return so that we are not subjected to large unexpected losses?
- For Fiscal Year 2012 the permanent fund budget is 68.5 million dollars. This budget is to run the tribal government and provide services to our members. Divide that amount by 1400 tribal members, that is over \$ 48,000.00 dollars per tribal member. Are you satisfied with the services received for the amount paid?
- With the state of the economy the Federal and State Governments are reducing staff, why is the Southern Ute Tribe growing (new hire)! What is going on with the Human Resource departments at the Casino, Growth Fund, and Permanent Fund, more non Tribal Members versus Tribal members are being hired.
- Housing, we have a need for affordable housing for our Tribal Members. There have not been any projects in a while, why? Unless action is taken we will return to the time when two or three families are in a household.

These are a few of the issues and concerns that we are facing on a daily basis.

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Steve R. Herrera Sr.





Hello; I am Steve R. Herrera Sr. and I am running for Council in the general election on November 4th. I have lived here on the reservation all of my life and have no intentions of leaving. I have worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in different jobs including Tribal Council from 2008 – 2010. I spent 14 years working in the oil and gas field on and off the reservation with the last five years working for companies owned by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe

needs levelheaded, informed, and experienced leadership. Your leadership needs to be able to put their differences aside and get to work. I believe that council meetings should start on time. In order to make any decision council members need to be at the work sessions, ask questions and be informed. You the membership elect Tribal Leaders to office, make sure you vote for someone who is going to be in the office, someone who works on your behalf, vote for me on November 4th.



Vote
- C O U N C I L -
Vince Mirabal
Your Voice On Tribal Council



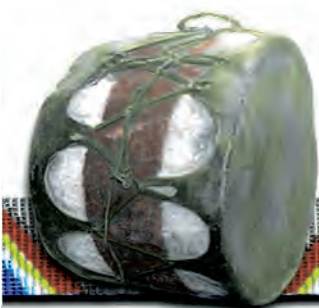
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- 15+ YRS OF PROVEN EXPERIENCE
- STRONG WORK ETHIC
- EDUCATED WITH FIRM FOUNDATION
- VALUES TRIBAL CULTURE & TRADITION
- DEDICATED TO TRIBAL PEOPLE FIRST
- MINDFUL OF THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY
- SENSIBLE, PRACTICAL, DEPENDABLE

Grandparents: Cora Allen Burch & John Spencer Williams
Ruth Archuleta & William Cloud Monte

Please participate in shaping the future direction of the Tribe and take this opportunity to vote.

1-855-563-9494 vote.pathimi@ymail.com



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October 21, 2011



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My employment history and experience has given me insight into different business practices both within and outside our Tribe. I see a need for business principals and understanding in the function of our Council in order to protect and improve what our forefathers created for us. I remember when we used to receive very little in per capita and services, compared to today. I for one truly appreciate the dividend I receive and believe that improvements could be made to continue our quality of life.

For the past 2 1/2 years my duties at Sky Ute Sand & Gravel included:

Vice President of Sales & Marketing Division:

- Developed the company's sales and marketing division
- Managed 5 sales managers with a revenue of 35mm/year across five locations and two states
- Responsible for configuring operating and administrative software for sales department use
- Developed process and technology applications for bidding large projects
- Managed advertising, marketing and the development of web site
- In charge of keeping historical data for bidding purposes

- Administered weekly sales meeting with sales staff
- Responsible for monthly site visits to all locations
- Managed the development of customer relationships
- Managed the day to day operations of 5 office clerks

Quality Control Division:

- Restructured and managed the companies quality control department
- Oversaw development of data capture process and report delivery to operating divisions
- Responsible for 2 quality control managers and 5 technicians at 5 locations in 2 states

- Managed the design and development of test stations for aggregate and concrete
- Directed the coordination of test schedules and reporting to operating divisions
- Managed the implementation of quality control data into company data base
- Responsible for keeping company in compliance with state certifications
- Administered the training need of quality control staff

I believe I possess knowledge, skills, and ability to accept the challenging endeavor of being a Tribal Council Member and to

contribute towards a better government for our future. In addition to my professional background I would like to include the following.

I am a:

- Family man (son, grandson, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather)
- Active in Ute culture and traditions
- 25 years ongoing community service to our tribal/nontribal youth
- Former Cattle Owner
- Founder of Construction Controls, Inc., Ignacio, CO
- Founder of Pine River

Construction, Inc., Phoenix, AZ

- Lived on/off the Southern Ute Tribal Reservation
- Descendent of former councilwomen, Euterpe Cloud Taylor and Lillian Weaver Seibel

In closing, I have given you my most recent employment history with the Southern Ute Growth Fund. With this, I leave the decision in your hands to elect new Council members in how you see fit for our tribal government. I humbly ask that you vote for me, Vicenti "Vince" Mirabal.

*Tuvuch Toghoy-agh
(Thank you very much)*

Vida B. Peabody



Dear Tribal Membership, local, off the reservation and 18-year-olds. I am vying for one of the seats on the Tribal Council.

My parents were the late Frank Spencer and Lucille Watts Baker. My father delivered me at home. My family consisted of two older brothers, Eugene S. Baker (deceased) and Clifford Springer Baker, and my older sister, Mellie B. Santistevan (deceased). I am the youngest. My brother Clifford and I are the only two left from this family.

My father raised sheep for a living. Since he had to take care of them, he was not at home. He had to find pasture and this was on the Mesa Mountains. So, I lived with my Aunt Dolly Watts and George Watts, until I was 12 years old. They spoke nothing but Ute. This is why I can speak my language. When I entered Boarding School, I did not know how to speak English.

I received my early education at the Boarding School, later known as the Ute Vocational School. I graduated in 1948. Ours was a small Senior class. I was chosen as the Valedictorian.

I attended Haskell Institute, in Lawrence, Kan., where many prominent Indian leaders received their education. I took Gregg Shorthand and bookkeeping, plus other studies. I completed my course, graduated and came home. I worked on the Tribal Council Department, taking notes for the Ute Mountain Tribal Council and notes for the Ute Mountain Tribal Court and for the Southern Ute Tribal

Court. I was proud to use my newly acquired shorthand and office training. Little did I know I was to be the Council Secretary for 14 years.

In 1952, I married the late Fred Peabody. We had five children, Ramona J. Silva, Fredric C. Peabody, Alvin Peabody (deceased), Helene and Freda M. Peabody.

I worked as the Realty Clerk for the Tribe for three years. I was an Administrative Clerk for the PHS Clinic for three years, under the supervision of the Headnurse, Mrs. Edna S. Hood.

I left to rear my small children because my husband passed away. I left the work force until 1970 when I was hired as the Council Secretary, 1970 to 1984.

In 1984, I ran for election to the Tribal Council. I served seven three-year terms, total of 21 years from 1984 to 2005, when I retired. Two of these terms, six years I was the Vice Chairman, from 1988 through 1995.

I was on the Tribal Council, when we hired a financial manager to help us in our endeavor for a financial plan. The Tribal Council wanted to specifically give consideration to our elders, knowing the struggles the elders endured from times past, when food staples and finances were virtually hard to come by.

The Financial Plan has provided monthly income to the Tribal Membership. I most earnestly emphasize the elders, past and present who lived on the bare essentials. Some Tribal families had plenty, but the majority eked for the most basic subsistence.

This situation does not exist today. I am referring to the past. Some of our elders partook of this financial benefit. They were able finally to buy what is needed to make their life easier. Some other elders passed away before the Financial Plan was implemented. Other factors were taking into consideration when the Financial Plan was being planned: proper financial management and investment, etc. For me, it was the Tribal Council's desire to benefit the elders and to make life easier to bear for them. This remains

sharp in my memory.

As elders, we have a knowledge of our history and culture. We have survived hardships and are survivors. We have time to give and we have patience. We have a desire to continue to be involved in tribal matters that affect our Tribe and our livelihood. As Elders we are to be respected because we are a resource.

I, for one appreciate all the benefits provided to me as an elder. Thus, feeling grateful, I feel I need to be useful and give back to the Tribe the best way I know how.

I only know how to be a Council member. I have the qualifications to be a dedicated member, with the God-given skills I learned at Haskell and the experience gained through the years serving on the Tribal Council. I can do this. I also gained insight and experience from serving with past leaders.

My time is now to seek election to the Tribal Council. Because of my five-year retirement, 2005 to 2011, I may not be known. The young tribal membership do not know me. Therefore, this open letter.

Besides things have changed. Before I retired, a Committee was planning for the new Casino and a Design Committee was at work for the plans for a Memorial Chapel and the Multi-Purpose Facility.

These two latter-mentioned buildings had been a "vision" of past Council members since the latter 1960s. I recall specifically, the late Martha Myore (NEE Martha Ruth Burch) and the late Everett Burch discussing this when they were on the Tribal Council in 1960. The buildings may not be the same; but the basic plan and concept is the same. They wanted a place where the Tribal membership could meet to hold dinners; have funerals; to grieve and meditate. This was many years ago, but the plans came to fruition and are serving the membership.

Other developments have occurred; the Casino, Museum, etc. I believe an inventory or evaluation should happen — to

see how much more developments are needed. It is time to step back and appraise what has been done. To find out to see where our next pathway is toward the future, with the Tribal membership always in mind.

As a past Council member, I did the best I could. I acknowledge our Tribal Constitution, which governs the actions of the Tribal Council. These are the documents I will abide by; like I mentioned, the Constitution, the Oath of Office and the Ethics Code. The Constitution sets out the Powers of the Tribal Council; the Oath of Office mentions "attendance at duly called meetings" and the Code of Ethics mentions "Conflict of Interest," Retaliation and Abuse of Authority, among other provisions.

The Tribal Council is elected to conduct the business of the Tribe. They should be faithful to the duties of the Council. I do not believe Council was elected to serve on other committees. They leave the official duly-called Council meeting, in order to attend a committee meeting; this

dilutes the quorum required to conduct business, and places a burden on the other Council members left to carry on Council business.

I am impartial and I can maintain confidentiality, when it is required. I have no qualms in excusing myself, if I have a confidentiality issue.

I retired, so I am not familiar with existing issues or problems. It would not be fair for me to speak on issues based on hearsay, or without proper knowledge.

Past leadership has left us a firm foundation to plan upon for continued growth to benefit the membership, for the present and the future.

When elected I want to continue doing what I have done in the past and will serve the Tribal membership the best job I can do.

As a candidate, I am not coming in to save the day, but am coming to help and to make a difference however way I can.

I will protect our sovereignty; protect our wildlife and water resources. I am guided by the principles stated on my adver-

tisement.

Thank you for "listening" to me. Due to limited space, I am cutting this short. I hope you get the gist of my open letter. I want to serve you, and I have the qualifications to do so.

As stated by Black Elk in Black Elk Speaks as told through John G. Neihardt:

"You have noticed that everything an Indian does is in a circle, and that is because the Power of the World always works in circles. The seasons form a great circle in their changing, and always come back again in a circle. The life of man is a circle from childhood to childhood and so it is in everything where power moves."

So, I have completed full circle. I am planning to return completing my personal circle in order to serve you on the Tribal Council.

Thank you. May the Lord Bless and Keep You, in your coming and your going out. Amen.

*Vida B. Peabody,
your fellow Tribal Member*

Barbara Scott-Rarick



Greetings,

My name is Barbara Scott-Rarick, I am Southern Ute and Navaho. My mother is Mary Ann Scott (Williams) and my father is the late Herbert L. Scott. My grandmother was the late Belle Cuthair and my grandfather was the late Hickey Williams. I am asking for your vote on

November 4 to represent the Southern Ute Tribal Membership as a Tribal Council Member.

Having sat on Tribal Council for one year I have witnessed the need to have rational, responsible, and accountable individuals to represent the membership as a leader. I posses the qualities needed to be a reliable Council Member. I have demonstrated that by the number of programs I assisted or directly created and the number of jobs I have held both in the Southern Ute Tribal Organization and outside of the community. I am dedicated to the cause. Each of the jobs required a balanced thinker and a dedicated individual to complete the task at hand. During that year I was on Council I voted for what was in the best interest of the entire tribe I was on time, I was informed and I questioned the issues.

During the General Meeting it was brought to our attention the existing Tribal Council halted the construction of the Juvenile

Detention Center which cost the tribe a daily fee for 60 days resulting in a vast amount of penalty fees. Then we heard justification for the change. Yet, who voted for the change of the facility from treatment to detention? They had to vote for the change to the plans. Did they not know what a detention facility consist of? Tribal Council voted and approved to change it from a treatment to a detention facility. They voted to house a tribal department in the structure with changes, which again adds to the cost of the project with approval from Council, again failing to look after the membership. No actions can take place without a vote and a majority. The only blameless individuals are those Council Members who were not present, yet if they were not there then ask the question "where are they?" We will always take a back seat unless we

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Re-elect Marge Borst for Tribal Council 2011



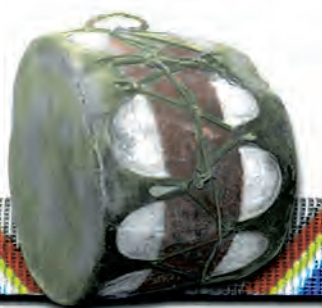
A leader who is compassionate, loyal, dependable, fun-loving, humble...



A traditional dancer



A leader for the cause...



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put individuals who can drive this vehicle for the membership. Read your minutes. It was a blatant disregard to responsibility, WE THE MEMBERSHIP.

We all know what the issues are. They range from housing, employment, child care, land

issues, air quality concerns, local, state and national native legislation, elders, ranching concerns, disable individuals, the list goes on and on. My stance is we, as a people, cannot address those with leaders who don’t lead or understand the numerous issues. I am a

dedicated employee, I come to work on time, I can lead. I can make a stance without fear of repercussion. Up until my last day I still worked for the membership.

I urge you to look at each of the candidates thoroughly, review our employment records, review

our dedication to the membership, and review relevant information. We must vote to benefit the tribal membership. It is time to stop putting in individuals who don’t come to work, who don’t have the vested interest of the overall membership, who don’t

review or read the complicated documents, who don’t vote in the best interested but vote with the majority. We need a voice and commitment for our membership as whole. I believe I am that person. I will come to work on time, I do read my material and

research when I have a question, and I don’t vote with the majority. I am that voice we are looking for. Thank you for your vote on November 4, 2011.

Barbara Scott-Rarick
Candidate for Tribal Council

Ian D. Thompson



Mique nuu-ci-u,

My name is Ian Thompson. Paguna-aap is the Ute name given to me by Grandpa Bird Red. My mother is Tami Weage. My father is the late William Thompson and I am running for a seat on Tribal Council. I would like to start off by thanking you, the membership, in advance for taking time out of your day to spend some time to listen to what I have to say.

I have not come to this decision lightly. There have been many months of second guessing, hard thought, and consideration. I believe that I have come up with a plan to address some of the most important issues and problems facing our people.

The main point that I want to get across before I say anything else is this — I am running for YOU, the people of the Southern Ute Tribe! I know we hear that every year from every candidate, but how many of us are disappointed by the “UN”actions of our elected officials. My goal is to address most of these prob-

lems directly and keep the Membership informed of our progress and failures, both. It is my belief that an informed Membership is the only way we can move forward.

In the coming weeks, you will hear many ideas from numerous candidates. Some will be similar to others, even mine, but I do differ from the other candidates and here are a few simple reasons why:

1. I am here for YOU: Your concerns are my concerns. I did not decide to run for this office to push my own agenda or play politics. My only priority is the people of the Southern Ute Tribe! I cannot stress this enough. Too many times have I and other members of our tribe been treated like outsiders. The tribe needs to return to her people and I will never be scared to fight for every one of you.

2. I have a plan: An idea without a plan is destined to fail. It sounds good to hear a candidate talk and talk and talk but without a plan to implement their ideas that’s all it will ever be. I do have a plan. I will explain these things as the election unfolds but please do not hesitate to pull me aside and talk to me. I am always available.

3. Simply put, I am here: I was born here and have lived here most of my life. I was raised in a Sundance family and since the day I was born I have been a part of the things that make our people who we are. I am actively involved in Sundance, Bear Dance, and powwows. As a singer I take great pride in these things and myself. I do not do these things because I have to, or because it looks good. This is who I am!

I have come up with a few issues that I believe are the most important.

T.I.A.E. Traditions. Information. Accessibility. Employment.

Traditions: Traditions make a people

• Language — We need to develop a new way to teach our young people to speak Ute. The reason many of us do not speak Ute is because we weren’t spoken to as children and unless we devise a new strategy to teach the new generations, it will be lost. I have made many contacts in indian country and have seen other tribal nations implement language programs that are helping to maintain this most valuable resource. Considering all the money the Tribe spends on a yearly basis, including donations to various organizations, we could invest a fraction of that developing a “Rosetta Stone” style of language development. One that families could use at home, together.

• Stories — We can utilize our new state-of-the-art museum to develop a project that works with our Tribal elders to record and teach traditional Ute stories and beliefs. In conjunction with the Academy’s teaching practices, our children can learn these things and carry them on to their children. We must protect our future by knowing our past.

• Elders — Our elders are the Tribe’s most valuable resource. I am a firm believer in reinstating the Elders Committee. But a committee with perhaps a differ-

ent approach: each council member may appoint up to two elders to serve. Although only an idea, I think it is one that can help keep our day-to-day lives in perspective. No matter how much we think we may know, our elders can always help steer us in the right direction.

Information: It’s time that Tribal business becomes the business of the Tribe

A member of Tribal Council should know what the Membership is concerned about, what they want to see or change. The membership is who we serve and that’s who we need to answer to. I will set aside at least two weeks a year to simply travel the rez and talk to people. I want to get away from the office and the operations of tribal government; find out what’s going on in your lives. I want to know what concerns the Membership most so that we, as Tribal Council, can use this information to improve the lives of our people.

Tribal council should always be able to work together, to share information that will benefit the future of the Membership as a whole. We all have ideas, the big issue is to share these ideas and work together to implement them so that the Membership can benefit as much as possible. This is perhaps the biggest obstacle. If we can build a Tribal council that can work together, with the central focus being the Tribal Membership, then there will be nothing we can’t accomplish.

Accessibility: This is not an 8-to-5 job

How many of us have had a problem or concern and we went to the Tribal building only to find empty offices and locked doors? Since my main concern is you, the Membership, I will be available as much as possible. During those times that I must be away from my responsibilities here, I will always have a posted return date that I will strictly adhere to. I also plan to implement a periodical newsletter from my office that will let the membership know just how things are going, what we’re accomplishing... good AND bad. There will never be a situation when I am unavailable for any Member of the Tribe.

Employment: Policy, policy, policy

Every year we hear the same thing. Candidates expressing their concern for Tribal employment, or lack thereof, but it never changes. I have talked to numerous Council Members throughout the years only to hear the same excuse, “It is very hard to change the personnel policy.” OK. If that was the case then why was it so easy to change it recently to even stricter standards. The new appearance rules only seek to hinder Tribal employment, among other things. Don’t get me wrong, I’m all for a professional attitude and appearance but such a big change with so many implications should have been discussed with Tribal employees and Membership.

Why is Tribal Council afraid to leave their offices and go talk to the people about a policy that will have direct impact on future

Tribal employment. Does a visible tattoo change the effectiveness of an otherwise outstanding employee? Is a child’s development hindered, or is that child’s instruction less effective, if his or her instructor is wearing blue jeans? The answer is NO! Tattoos are a form of self-expression that have been used by native peoples since the beginning of time and I find it interesting that the current council has voted to make that expression “taboo.” In the future, this new policy will make it even more difficult for a Tribal Member to be hired, much less advanced.

Another big problem is the personnel department’s interview selection process. One person deciding who gets an interview and who doesn’t based on excessive qualifications or an incomplete application is a seriously flawed system. I consider it my obligation to ensure that every person applying for a job is given as much consideration as possible, especially if that person is a Member of the Southern Ute Tribe.

In closing, all I ask is that you keep an open mind. Listen to each candidate intently, as this is the person that will be making decisions not only for you, but for your children and grandchildren. Ask questions and make an informed decision. Once again, I will be available to any of you if you would like to sit down and talk, as I believe that would be the best way for you to judge my points of view and my passion for the Southern Ute People. My door is always open.

Thank you

Shelly L. Thompson



Greetings Tribal Members,

I am Shelly L. Thompson and I am seeking a seat on the Tribal Council. I have a son, Zechariah Red and I am the daughter of Denise Thompson, the granddaughter of the late William and Doris Red Thompson and the great granddaughter of the late Bird and Nana Eaton Red. The reason I am telling you where I come from so you will know the traditional values and the cultural

respect I was taught as I grew up.

I have lived on the Southern Ute Reservation my entire life and have worked for the Tribe in various jobs since I was 14 years old. I was appointed by the Tribal Council to the Southern Ute Health Board, where I served approximately four (4) years and the Southern Ute Gaming Commission, where I served approximately eleven (11) years.

I decided to further my education so I could get a job where I could make a difference in the lives of Tribal Members. I went to college with the ultimate goal of going to law school. I ended up going to college for ten (10) years and earned four degrees. All of this education, I feel, provides me with the background to benefit Tribal Members. I have worked hard to earn my Applied Associates of Science in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Adult and Juvenile Corrections, a Bachelor’s in Political Science, a Master of Social Work and a Juris Doctorate, which is a law degree.

I have always had the Tribe and Tribal Members in my mind through out my life because I listened to the elder members of my family as they talked about the Tribe. As I got older I realized the importance of having Tribal Council Members who would fight for the Membership. This is the reason I am running for Tribal Council today.

Tribal Council Members are elected into their positions to benefit the Tribe as a whole. Tribal Council Members need to defend the Tribe’s status and sovereignty in the federal, state and local realms. Tribal Council Members need to understand the ideology of the federal government and how in the past it has used laws to try to terminate tribes. They also need to understand how their relationship is with the state and local governments. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one of the best relationships with all three levels of government and needs Council Members who will enhance these relationships to further the Tribe’s interests.

I have worked in various positions within the Tribe to know how these relationships work, why they work and how to continue these relationships as well as get what is needed for the long-term interest for the Tribe. While attending law school, I was also involved with various political organizations in Denver. Most, if not all, my work was related to Indian Law and how to ensure Tribes maintained their sovereignty through their respective lands, jurisdictions, memberships and natural resource management. I understand how tribes fit into the Federal Government and how it was important for them to continue with their inherent right to govern on their own lands.

I feel that the Southern Ute Tribal Council should ensure that the Tribal Membership is the most important population on the earth. It is my belief that once the Tribal Council Members realize this viewpoint and take it to heart, and it is then the Tribe will go in a different direction. Once the Tribal Council Members only

make decisions related to how the Membership will benefit first, all the other issues, such as, employment, housing, culture of the Tribe and programs to assist the Members will correct themselves.

The reason they will correct themselves is that the Tribal Council will not permit or allow any policy or program to continue if it does not benefit the Members. The Council will also want policies changed that do not benefit the Members. If those in charge of those policies do not want to make changes for the betterment of the Tribal Members, the Council can force the policy change because they are the governing body of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, not the directors or department heads.

I have assisted in various ways to help Tribes to maintain their sovereignty by being involved and educating those who can make a difference. I would now like to focus on our Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and ensure we are here today and for our future generations. I am ask-

ing for your support to put my past experience and education to further our Tribe in the realm of Indian Country and the federal government and most importantly to put you, Southern Ute Tribal Members first.

We as Southern Ute Tribal Members need people who are willing to fight for us in ALL areas in which the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is involved. We need to have respect for each other and realize that we may not always agree with each other, but the ultimate goal is the betterment of Tribal Members and to lift each other up so we can be the best we can be.

I want to represent you! I have experience in defending the rights for all Indian people, and I want to focus on ensuring that the Southern Ute Tribal Members are the most important people on the earth.

I am asking for the opportunity to put you first. Vote for Shelly L. Thompson on November 04, 2011.

Thank you,
Shelly L. Thompson

Aaron V. Torres



My name is Aaron Torres and I am seeking a term for a Tribal Council seat on November 4th. I

have worked for the Tribe for 20+ years and I am currently the MIS Director for the Permanent Fund. I have served on several committees and have worked as the Executive Officer in an acting capacity on numerous occasions.

I am running for the Tribal Council because I support our Tribal Membership and our organization. I too see some areas which cause concern and need to be addressed. My main focus is to make our Tribe strong and healthy. Here are a few ideas on how we can do that.

Transparency

We need to increase the transparency of what the entire organization is doing. In order to achieve this, we need to initiate better communication protocols for the dissemination of information to the tribal membership.

A unified Tribal Council

In order for our Tribe to continue to progress, we need to establish unity and to instill and maintain strong leadership within our Tribal Council. This will allow us to provide sound and timely decisions on crucial issues which face our organization and our nation.

Eliminate financial waste

In order to meet the needs of the tribal membership as a whole we need to eliminate waste throughout the organization. We need mechanisms put in place which will flag these concerning areas and allows us to either optimize or eliminate them.

Tribal member employment and advancement opportunities

There are current apprenticeship programs that exist today within our organization. These should be evaluated to ensure that we are providing optimal tribal member employment and advancement opportunities. Our organization is diverse in

employment opportunities; we need to provide those to our members who have chosen a clear career path. We must also ensure that these programs are providing advancement opportunities into Supervisory, Director and Executive positions.

Financial integrity and financial health

It is important that the membership understands and acknowledges the wealth that we do have. We have been faced with economic issues which cause great concern. It is important that we evaluate our current financial structure and optimize it where we need to. It is also important

that as stakeholders, the membership should receive complete reporting of our financial health and integrity in a legible format.

Open door policy

Our tribal members have brilliant ideas on how and what can be changed in our organization. I would like to hear and discuss those ideas, so that we can come up with solutions and try and make these changes together.

I want to ensure the tribal membership that I can bring new vision and new hope. With that I will not fail you...

Respectfully,
Aaron V. Torres



Election

toḡ'omsuwiini-wawHchuku-chipikwag'atū (18)

October 21, 2011



Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2011 November Special Election

Tribal Council member seat – one (1)

The Tribal Council and Election Board have determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2011 November Special Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

• **Special Election – Tuesday, November 1, 2011 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Constitution Article IV, Section 1: The first election under this constitution shall be held on the first Friday in November.

• **Special Election Voter Registration Deadline – Friday, October 21, 2011, by 5 p.m.**

Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled So. Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

• **Special Election Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Friday, October 21, 2011, by 5 p.m.**

Election Code 11-5-102 (2): Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

• **Special Election Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Monday, October 31, 2011, by 5 p.m.**

Election Code 11-5-107 (1)(2)(3): The emergency ballot may be requested after the absentee ballot deadline but prior to the day of the election.

If you have any questions or concerns, phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.

Off-Reservation tribal members please phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.

Email is election@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Election Board office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Sun Ute Community Center, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Candidates for the Tribal Council member seat are:

Notice - Vote for One

Howard D. Richards, Sr.

Corliss M. Taylor

Byron Frost

Elise V. Redd

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center

Voting is by secret ballot • Voting by proxy is not allowed

Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote

Official Voter Registration Deadline – October 21, 2011 by 5 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – October 21, 2011 by 5 p.m.

Emergency Absentee Deadline – October 31, 2011 by 5 p.m.

N° 000 OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION November 1, 2011

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Notice - Vote for One

- ☐ Howard D. Richards, Sr.
- ☐ Corliss M. Taylor
- ☐ Byron Frost
- ☐ Elise V. Redd

NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

1. Polls are open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
2. Voting is by Secret Ballot.
3. Voting by Proxy is not allowed.
4. Persons waiting in line to vote at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Official voter registration deadline: Oct. 21, 2011 by 5 p.m.

Absentee Ballot request deadline: Oct. 21, 2011 by 5 p.m.

Emergency absentee ballot request deadline: Oct. 31, 2011 by 5 p.m.

The right choice for Southern Ute Tribal Council

Barbara Scott –Rarick

Employment Record

2011 Multi Purpose Facility Coordinator (Temp)

2008-2009 Tribal Council

06-08 Chief Probation Officer/Wellness Coordinator (SUIT)

02-06 Private Consultant

00-02 Executive Director for New Beginnings (Domestic Violence Shelter)

98-00 Executive Director for Home for Women and Children (Domestic Violence Shelter)

96-98 Case Manager for Hilltop House

94-96 Victims Service Coordinator (SUIT)

88-90 Probation Officer (SUIT)

85 & 86 First Female Seasonal Wildlife Officer (SUIT)

Accountability is a key component to good leadership.

Keeping everyone, including myself, responsible for the job set fourth is all of our responsibility. To be held ACCOUNTABLE to the Tribal Membership in any position of leadership. I am asking for you to put your confidence in my experience and integrity when you select a candidate to represent your issues and concerns as a Tribe. I will hold this position with reliability and dignity.

Thank you for your vote on

November 4, 2011

Vote for
Shelly L. Thompson

- Educated
- Dedicated to Tribal Members
- Fair minded
- Traditional
- Knowledgeable of issues facing Indian Country
- Continue to Support Tribal Members

SEAL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
TIGRACIO COLO. 1881

What the Tribe needs:

- Δ Accountability to Tribal Members
- Δ Promote Tribal Members
- Δ Place Tribal Members 1st
- Δ Long term outlook of the Tribe



Elect Vida B. Peabody Nov. 4, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Candidate: Vida B. Peabody

- Experience: 21 years 1985-2005 (7 3-year terms). Vice-chairman 1988-1995.
- Speaks Ute language; respects culture and history, past, present and future
- Believes in the Constitution and the Powers of the Tribal Council as contained therein
- Believes in the Oath of Office and its requirements
- Believes in the protection of our natural resources, wildlife and water resources
- Believes in financial and governmental stability
- Believes in equal opportunities in jobs and benefits for all tribal members
- Supports higher education



Elect: Vida B. Peabody



SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2011
Sun Ute Community Center
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Candidates for the Tribal Council Chairman seat are:
Notice - Vote for One

Renée J. Cloud
Pearl E. Casias
Kevin R. Frost
Clement J. Frost
Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.

Candidates for Tribal Council Members seats are:
Notice - Vote for Two

Ian D. Thompson
Andrew C. Frost
Steve R. Herrera, Sr.
Shelly L. Thompson
Vida B. Peabody
Barbara Scott-Rarick
Marge Borst
Vicenti (Vince) Mirabal
Alex Cloud
Pathimi GoodTracks
Aaron V. Torres

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

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Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote

Official Voter Registration Deadline – October 26, 2011 by 5 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – October 26, 2011 by 5 p.m.
Emergency Absentee Deadline – November 3, 2011 by 5 p.m

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
General Election 2011

Tribal Chairman and two (2) Council member seats

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2011 General Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

• General Election – Friday, November 4, 2011

Constitution Article IV, Section 1: The first election under this constitution shall be held on the first Friday in November.

• Voter Registration Deadline – Wednesday, October 26, 2011, by 5 pm

Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

• Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Wednesday, October 26, 2011, by 5 pm

Election Code 11-5-102 (2): Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

• Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Thursday, November 3, 2011, by 5 pm

Election Code 11-5-107 (1)(2)(3): A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot request; or, (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot request. The written request shall contain the following: (a) The voter's name and address; (b) The nature of the emergency causing medical confinement or absence from the reservation; and, (c) The voter's signature. The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall promptly be notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that a request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

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N° 000
OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
GENERAL ELECTION
November 4, 2011

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Notice - Vote for One

- ☐ Renée J. Cloud
☐ Pearl E. Casias
☐ Kevin R. Frost
☐ Clement J. Frost
☐ Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Notice - Vote for Two

- ☐ Ian D. Thompson
☐ Andrew C. Frost
☐ Steve R. Herrera, Sr.
☐ Shelly L. Thompson
☐ Vida B. Peabody
☐ Barbara Scott-Rarick
☐ Marge Borst
☐ Vicenti (Vince) Mirabal
☐ Alex Cloud
☐ Pathimi GoodTracks
☐ Aaron V. Torres

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Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Pathimi GoodTracks. I am running for one of two seats on Tribal Council. I am 48 years old and have lived the majority of my life (36 years) in the Ignacio area. I have prepared a formal statement which will be mailed to the membership through TIS. And in an effort to provide you timely information, below are excerpts from that statement on issues I feel strongly about.

Tribal People First

"Tribal members hold two citizenships. They are citizens of the So. Ute Tribe and of the United States. Tribal Council, as the governing body of the So. Ute Tribe has the responsibility of making sure any action or governing document approved by Tribal Council prioritizes the tribal membership. All sovereign nations provide for their citizens first. It's a basic principle of sovereignty. Tribal people come first in employment, education, culture, services, natural resources and benefits."

Support Families in Crisis

"If we truly prioritize the health and welfare of our tribal families, we need to provide them with the same level of support. We, as a tribe, need to support our tribal families and provide an attorney (tribal family defender) specializing in family and social issues to ensure families are treated fairly under tribal law and a well-balanced outcome is achieved (both sides have an attorney; tribal family

defender and social services attorney). ...Our goal is not to be punitive in nature, our goal is to help and assist."

Financial Responsibility

"The most important information used to make sound financial decisions is accurate, timely financial records. When you don't know where money is being made or lost, nothing can be done to reduce the losses or build financial strength. Making sure we have accurate records is critical. Without them, decision-makers are not making decisions, we are guessing."

Culture

"Every sovereign nation firmly incorporates the cultural perspective, tradition, values and language that identify it as unique from other sovereign nations and peoples. This is the foundation of sovereignty. In order to protect sovereignty it must be asserted. Asserted in ways that are meaningful to and supportive of the people. This tribe is known as being progressive and in order to be completely successful we must be successful both financially and culturally."

Participation and Involvement (Self-Determination)

"There are inherent qualities, knowledge and insight only tribal members can contribute to the organization, such as knowledge of the tribal community, understanding of traditional values, impact of historical events, tribal sovereignty and self-determination, personal investment and the caretaking of the tribe's future for the generations to follow. ...Greater employment, participation and input of the tribal membership in shaping and improving the way the tribe provides services and does business must be encouraged. ...This is the true meaning of self-determination."

Problem-Solving for the Entire Membership

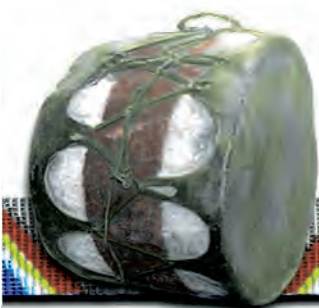
"Much of what I am hearing are examples of problems that are addressed on an individual basis rather than globally for the benefit of the entire membership. Problems solved on an individual basis are only good for the moment until another tribal member starts to experience the same problem. ...It's quicker to solve problems individually, and it's easy to get caught in this cycle of solving the same problem over and over again. ...We must get away from seeking the quickest way to address issues and focus on the quality of what we put in place."

The tribal membership rightfully holds Council members to a higher standard of integrity and level of achievement. I will submit to random drug-testing whether it's mandated or not. The membership deserves the assurance and confidence that decisions made on their behalf, which will affect their lives and futures, are free from any such influence. I will also formally decline the 6-month severance pay given to each Council member whenever they leave office. It is contrary to my understanding of traditional values and the role of a leader, for a leader to provide for themselves and their family when challenges have gone unresolved for the membership.

I realize that I may not meet all your expectations however it will not be from lack of motivation or willingness. And I know I will not have all the answers but I do have commitment and dedication to our tribe and tribal membership.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote on Nov. 4th for one of two seats on Tribal Council. Call me at 1-855-563-9494 (toll-free), send me an email: vote.pathimi@gmail.com or visit: www.voteathimi.com

Respectfully,
Pathimi GoodTracks



Election

waamasuwiinini (20)

October 21, 2011



Nov. 4 General election – Chairman candidates

Pearl E. Casias



Continue with PEARL

Mique,

I want to apologize first for this impersonal greeting and message. However, because of the time constraints on this most important matter, I felt this would be the most effective method to inform you of the upcoming election for Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe and my candidacy for that position.

In this statement you will find some of the most important issues or concerns to tribal government and my past involvement in them.

First I would like to stress the

importance of this election — your vote — your participation at this very critical time. Your vote is very, very necessary. Please exercise that right on November 4, 2011. I humbly ask for your continued support of me, now, for the position of Chairman.

Let us continue! to be the most progressive tribe in Indian country.

Let us continue! to have Leadership that is responsible to all of the people.

Let us continue! to be responsive to your needs, to the needs of all — now and in the future.

Let us continue! to be the innovative, progressive, and

independent people that is our heritage.

Let us continue! to do the best for all of our people.

Let us continue! to be Great!

Let us continue!

Please call 970-563-4620 if you have any input to the upcoming election. Thank you.

Vote Pearl E. Casias for Tribal Chairman November 4, 2011.

Accomplishments

- Facilitated the implementation of the financial plan that has created our prosperity!

- Worked for the creation of Southern Ute Indian Academy to

support our children's future academic success!

- Supported the success of the Cedar Point Ute Housing development!

- Supported the Growth Fund's Employment Advisory Committee to encourage employment of tribal members.

- Proposed & implemented the Adult at Risk Protection Code to protect our elders!

- Proposed & implemented the Tribal Public Defender Program — the first one in Indian Country!

- Have been a proponent for the protection of our sovereignty

within the borders of the reservation!

- Facilitated the tribal attorney's suit which won the judgment against the Town of Ignacio for Civil Right violations towards American Indians!

Future Goals

- I will continue to foster an atmosphere of cooperation and unity!

- I will continue to protect our tribal sovereignty!

- Increase cooperation amongst all tribal entities!

- Continue to increase overall Growth Fund results!

Renee J. Cloud



Hello Tribal Membership,

I am Renee J. Cloud, one of the candidates for the most important position for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe — the Tribal Chairmanship. I threw in my name into the political arena for sake of all our benefits, at the advice of some elders and tribal members I spoke with while discussing tribal issues.

As we spoke I stated that there are many issues that are detrimental to our welfare that go unnoticed by elected officials of the Tribe. Foremost is the Tribe's Financial system. Some folks say they never had the financial edu-

cation in order to understand what is being presented to them. They have just trusted tribal staff, as it was presented to them as being the true picture.

Reference to the Tribes Financial situation, I have been told by a reliable source that the present Chairman and The Tribal Council have not requested a Financial Report since the last election, or it may be longer. If I am elected I will make sure that financial reports are requested and submitted in timely basis, and reports are submitted on time throughout the year. I will also request that the reports be explained to the other elected leaders for their understanding and review. This will be critical for the Tribal Treasurer, to understand the Financial system in order to help monitor Tribal Finances.

In the business world many companies depend on a stable financial system for their prosperity and longevity. It is important for all their staff to understand financial information for future planning. So should the Tribe consider this to be a factor for future planning and stability.

Another important discussion was the Tribal Court system. In a

legal system, all court staff need to be certified (have some college education). For over many years we have had judges who do not have the Law School Accreditation. This and not having a lawyer puts a tribal member in having their rights violated. Another concern is the Tribal Code — the staff operates contrary to this code, I have seen where they do not perform duties as outlined in the code. Tribal Council should review this code at least once a year, and review staff performance according to the code. If I am elected I will request a review of the Tribal Code, and make sure the Court staff gets certification.

Next was the discussion of our employment system on how too many outside people now work for the tribe and how this organization has grown exponentially over time for a small group of Indian people. Many people have made a "lifetime" career working for the Tribe depending on the Tribe to build their own empire and sustain their financial wealth. While at the same time others work for their personal successes, while providing poor services to the membership, and yet all is done at our expense.

If I am elected I will create jobs for the members, insure that the personnel office adheres to Indian preference (Tribal Members), and for contract employees make sure we review other competitive offers, so we don't have lifetime careers ongoing. As some of you know the permanent fund (Tribal Organization) pays bonuses in dollars depending on the number of years a person is employed. Again if I am elected I will place a moratorium on bonuses for the Growth Fund and Permanent, due to the recession in the world.

One other important issue is Tribal Sovereignty, and Self-determination. It seems that the tribal staff encourages the use of State laws in Tribal programs and services. In my way of thinking we are not the County, we are not the State, and we should be creating, implementing, and administering our own laws and regulations as we need to. If I am elected I will make sure that other non-tribal laws are not enforced against our Tribal members without your understanding on how this will impact our way of life.

With all that has been mentioned don't you think it is time

for us to control our own destiny by taking an interest in our tribal affairs by being involved? If I am elected my plan is to communicate with membership by going out and visiting with the membership, setting up informal meetings to let you know what is important to the Tribe and how any laws and regulations will impact the membership. General Meetings are not sufficient.

I believe that we should communicate and have discussion with our tribal membership individually — because every person has a concern that has not been addressed by the Tribal Staff and elected leaders that impact their way of life. We are in this together, so we need to elect a person who has all our best interests at heart, a take-charge leader, and a responsible, reliable leader, and someone who will listen to your concerns.

On November 4th, Vote for Renee J. Cloud for the next Southern Ute Indian Tribal Chairperson. We can make changes that will benefit us now and for the future.

Thank you for your time.

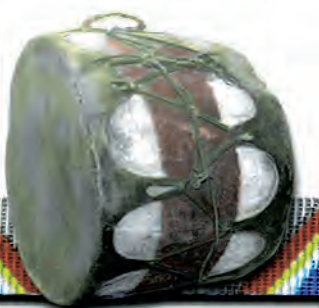
God Bless you,
Renee J. Cloud

Jimmy R. Newton Jr.



Candidate statement was not available at press time.





Nov. 4 General election – Chairman candidates

Clement J. Frost



Elect Clement J. Frost for Chairman

- 1. Experienced
- 2. 28 years leadership
- 3. Traditional
- 4. Veteran

Greetings, Tribal members,

My name is Clement J. Frost and I am seeking the seat for Tribal Chairman, as a candidate. I have 28 years of experience in leadership, development of process and programs that have benefitted the membership, along with tribal council I’ve served with. It takes a united effort of the elected officials to work for the benefit of the tribal membership. Throughout the years I have been tribal representative on various boards and committees, some of which are: Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs, SUCAP Board, CERTS, SIPI Board of Regents, AAHIB, just to mention a few. I have testified before the Senate of Indian Affairs, met with congressmen to address issues concerning the Tribe.

If I am elected I would like to look into issues concerning the membership. First issue I would like to address and discuss with the council is the policy they passed regarding traditions, cultural values and the power given to a committee to dictate traditional values to the membership. My position has always been that our traditional values and tribal government always be separate and that the tribal government should not dictate our traditional way of life. Right now that’s what the policy does, it gives the tribal government through a committee to regulate our traditional values. The policy is also discriminatory, because it requires only fluently Ute-speaking members to make up the committee. The policy and committee have not really benefit-

ted the membership but have brought about disrespect to Elders, staff, and created animosity.

The personnel policy also needs to be reviewed and brought up to date to create better working documents that would benefit the membership. I would like to look at the possibility of appointing or hiring a Tribal member employment recruiter to work with the HR Department. A job description can be developed to create this position. As we look at the employment situation, I would like to bring back the prairie dog control program for the reservation-wide possible eradication of the rodents that have taken over lands surrounding home, farmlands, idle tribal lands, and this program could be funded through rights of way collected and put

that money back into investing in the improvements of the reservation. This could be a co-op program or totally tribal program. My intent is to create jobs for those that may not fit the requirements of jobs advertised. This is just one possibility that I would like to investigate further.

If elected I would like to have an Elders consultant to the Chairman’s office. This would not need the council to appoint anyone to serve, it would be open. Also I would look at the possibility of having youth consultants to the Chairman’s office. I will not go into detail on these two subjects, but will be willing to answer any questions on them during candidates’ night.

I am glad the tribal attorneys continued the lawsuit against the

Indian Health service, which ultimately the Supreme Court found in favor of the tribe. This lawsuit was started back during my administration and the tribal council approved filing of the lawsuit. It has come a long way but the decision benefits the tribe greatly in determining our ability to run our own health programs through the 638 process.

I offer to the membership my many years of experience, maturity, leadership to bring stability to the tribe and tribal government. I ask for your support and vote on November 4, 2011.

Thank you, May Our creator continue to walk with you and your family circle.

With respect,
Clement J. Frost

Kevin R. Frost



KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, TRUTH

Greetings Tribal Members,
I am seeking the office of Tribal Chairman to provide leadership, encouragement, motivation and support not only for Tribal Council, but most importantly, our tribal membership. This can be accomplished through a myriad of ways, but I’d like to offer some ideas on how we can change our Government’s culture of ineffectiveness.

KNOWLEDGE
In order for Tribal Council to effectively provide services and render decisions on behalf of our members it is the Chairman’s duty to solicit tribal member involvement by incorporating Tribal Members’ comments and ideas in to our decision making process. Our members have a wealth of knowledge to offer and can provide valuable insight in to what decisions are in our collective best interest. As an example, a law can be put in place that stipulates any expenditure in cash, goods, services, or any other form of tender shall come before the

Tribal Membership through a special vote to approve such transaction if the value exceeds \$1,000,000. This can be applied to all our enterprises so there is fairness and important contracts and business ventures will be approved by our membership. This is something that can be implemented in a time frame of six months to one year. This helps to encourage our people to vote and gives our people the responsibility to help shape our present and future.

Moreover, another example to accomplish the same task without a majority of Tribal Member involvement is to establish and implement an Elders advisory committee that will work with Tribal Council and liaison with our people to make sure that future contracts/business ventures are not only in our best interests, but are also culturally relevant. This can also be established within six months to one year. Elders have plenty of knowledge to help guide us and all they need is to be asked and respected, not only as an elder, but also as a person. They are not forgotten Tribal Members.

We are in a unique position to have bargaining power in that we can choose with whom to do business. We can align our interests with entities that will work with us for our benefit.

While these are some of my ideas, they are not the only ones; they are just examples to show that I am thinking of ways to incorporate our people to help guide our future.

WISDOM
Wisdom comes in all shapes and forms and is evident through the entire age range of our Tribal

Membership. Age should not be an issue when it comes to seeking advice and assistance. I am open to new ideas and insights from our people, not just the ones that vote. I firmly believe that every Tribal Member has something to offer which can benefit us.

We can change the way in which we select various candidates that sit on our numerous committees. One way to accomplish this is through the use of technology. Having a committee member reside within the exterior boundaries of our reservation or nearby is no longer an issue. We can use video conferencing at designated times to have off-reservation Tribal Members attend and participate in their designated committee. This can be accomplished by using our excess Tribal Government computers to be delivered and set up at the committee member’s residence along with Internet access. Once they are no longer a committee member they will return the computer back to our Tribe to be used for other future off reservation committee members. Again, this is something that can be implemented within one year. By using our off-reservation Tribal Members we can tap their wisdom and utilize it to our benefit. Use of their wisdom also helps keep them connected with our Tribe and maintains a sense of community.

Our young people feel as if they are invisible. They have a lot to contribute and are willing to offer their wisdom. This untapped resource, which has been overlooked, is vital to our future. By this I mean, our future leaders can help now by working with our members and Tribal Council to develop and guide our use of technology as it applies to delivering

better and efficient services. Our youth have grown up with technology and are well versed on how to use different forms of social media. An example of how we can utilize and implement their technological wisdom is to have them develop web pages that are easy to use for all members, a form of beta testing, to make sure that what we can provide documents electronically that are easy to access. We can also have them create youth specific web pages on Facebook or use Twitter to keep our younger members informed of what is happening in our government and on our reservation. This can be implemented within six months.

Again, these are just examples. I am always open to ideas and don’t mind giving credit to those that help us along the way.

TRUTH
Truth means responsibility, which seems to be why our Tribal Council fears transparency and accountability. I have a few examples of how we can abolish the veil of secrecy.

One way is to either video stream or audio stream Tribal Council meetings so our members at home or off the reservation can watch/listen to the meetings through a computer, radio, smartphone app, etc. and know how our Council votes and why they vote a particular way. There is no reason why we need to have edited Tribal Council Minutes which comes out weeks after they have voted on issues which impact our lives.

Secondly, we can start digitizing our documents from all our departments that way any member can access codes, departmental forms, voting records of our Council Members, etc.

Thirdly, we hold Council members accountable by fining them for missing meetings or not coming to work. We can start by hitting them in the pocket book and if they continue to violate their duties, the other Council Members will remove them from Council.

Lastly, make Council members accountable for their business trips/conferences. If Council members cannot explain 1) why they

need to attend, 2) what they intend to learn, 3) how they will apply what they learn, 4) how it will benefit our membership than the costs of their trip will come directly from their paycheck.

These last examples can be implemented within six months to 18 months. They are just examples. We still need a leader that is willing to be open, accepts criticism, puts our people first, both on and off the reservation, respects our history and culture, and is willing to support our members.

I have only talked about some issues but that doesn’t mean that I have forgotten about healthcare, housing, or meeting the needs of our off reservation members. These are just examples. I have many, many more ideas and ways to implement them to see if they work for us.

Come out to meet the candidates night and ask your questions. Your participation is needed and valued.

I thank you for your time and support.

Respectfully,
Kevin R. Frost

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

November 4th, Vote for Renee J. Cloud, Southern Ute Indian Tribe –Tribal Chairperson


Candidate stands for:

- Leadership Integrity
- Financial Integrity
- Ethical Business Practices
- Tribal member employment
- Protection of our resources, our tribal membership, our land , our water
- Promotes Tribal culture
- Promotes Higher Education



Knowledgeable of:

- History of the Tribe
- Experienced Tribal workforce
- Former Tribal Council Member
- Ute Traditional values
- Ute Language

“Protect our way of Life –Vote for a person with Tribal knowledge it is our destiny; we are here to stay”.



ELECT JIM NEWTON JR. NOVEMBER 4 AS THE NEXT TRIBAL CHAIRMAN





Notices

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October 21, 2011



Tribal member holiday festivities coming up

Annual Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 19, Sky Ute Casino Resort from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner

Dec. 17, Sky Ute Casino Resort from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tribal elders, disabled, and/or handicapped who are unable to attend are encouraged to contact Elders Services to make arrangements for delivery of the meal on the day of the event. There will also be reserved seating for all tribal elders who are in attendance.

Should you have any questions please contact Amy Barry at 970-563-0119 or abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us



Restaurants

Julie's El Amigo

970-563-9998
355 Goddard Ave.
jquintana1952@yahoo.com
11a-8p
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Retail

Classy Seconds

970-563-1230
645 Goddard Ave.
classysecondsangela@gmail.com
M-F 9a-5p

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Tu-Sa 10a-5:30p; Su appt

Pinon Liquors

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Services

Ignacio Community Library

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To advertise in the Ignacio Business directory, contact Ignacio Floral & Gifts at 970-563-4070 or The Southern Ute Drum at 970-563-0118.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Xcel Energy will be conducting a re-survey of an existing pipeline (as depicted on the map shown). A small survey crew will be walking the pipeline route and there will be no ground disturbance associated to this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Lands Division at 970-563-0126.



Requests for Bids

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE CLEANING SERVICES, SOUTHERN UTE NATATORIUM HVAC SYSTEM

OWNER:

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0138*

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for contractors to submit proposals for cleaning the HVAC duct system and an Engineered Air HRU unit at the Natatorium of the Sun-Ute Community Center. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until

2:00 PM MDT, Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Requests for Bids

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM - PHASE VI SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, TRIBAL HOUSING DEPARTMENT

OWNER:

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Tribal Housing Department
P.O. Box 737-24
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-4710*

Contact: Hilda Burch, Housing Project Admin., or Paula Lopez-Trujillo, Administrative Asst.

Sealed bids will be received to address items identified in the scope of work for each home needing either repair or replacement of identified items of each individual home for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation-Wide Housing Repair Project, Ignacio, Colorado until 3:00 p.m. (MST) Thursday, November 10, 2011. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contracting party will be with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with the Tribal Housing Department managing the project.

Request for Bids may be picked up at the Tribal Housing Department, south of the old casino parking lot - white modular building, Ignacio, Colorado, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to make arrangements for pick up or email Ms.

Burch at hburch@southern-ute.nsn.us or Ms. Trujillo at ptrujillo@southern-ute.nsn.us with your request.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, Monday October 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Buckskin Charlie Room. A visit to the project home sites will be following the meeting October 17, 2011 (1 pm - 4:30 pm) and October 18 & 19, 2011 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

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Halloween Carnival!



Saturday, October 29th, 2011

5:30pm-8:30pm

SunUte Community Center

Activities: Carnival Game booths, Cake Walk, Costume Contest, Kids Haunted House and Food

Crystal Thompson at 970-563-0246 ext. 3317 to sign up your booth or if you have any questions



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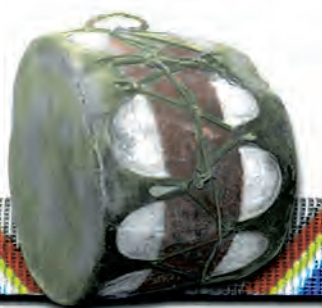
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Southern Ute Growth Fund

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Office Manager
Closing date 10/24/11 – Red Cedar Gathering Co. Provides day-to-day office management and support to the President of Red Cedar. Responsible for the preparation of correspondence and reports, maintaining filing systems, coordinates the flow and processing of paperwork.

Water Plant Operator I
Closing date 10/24/11 – S.U. Utilities Division Performs duties in support of the day-to-day operations of the Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant and Water Distribution System.

Plant Accountant I
Closing date 10/26/11 – Frontier Field Services Tulsa, OK. This position is responsible for processing contract settlements for natural gas plants and gas gathering-related activities.

Plant Accountant II
Closing date 10/26/11 – Frontier Field Services Tulsa, OK. This position is responsible for inputting and verifying relevant data, working with staff and others to correct data issues, calculating and verifying plant settlement and producer statements.

SUGF Management Committee Member
Closing date 11/18/11
Ignacio, CO. The Committee member will be responsible for executing the mission and purpose and achieving the goals and objectives of the Growth Fund, as approved by Tribal Council Resolution and must attend four meetings a month during regular business hours.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SOCIAL SERVICES

Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. The positions are volunteer appointments and receive no compensation. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100.

KSUT - PUBLIC RADIO

Board of Directors vacancy

KSUT is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. This is a non-paid position which requires attending board meetings every other month, with additional special meetings as needed. Deadline for letters is Nov. 7, 2011.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Please refer to the complete job announcement and qualifications at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs or at the Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Maintenance Laborer
Closing Date 10/27/11 – Performs duties related to the daily operations of the Yard Maintenance Program, which provides various yard-related, firewood, and snow removal services to Tribal Members. This position is a grade 13.

Detention Officer (2 positions)
Closing date 10/28/11 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. This position is a grade 17.

Animas La Plata Project Office Manager
Closing Date 11/3/11 – Under general direction of the General Manager, this position performs varied, difficult, sensitive and confidential administrative support and office management for the Animas La Plata Operation, Maintenance and Replacement Association (Association), including water and office accounting, budget preparation and monitoring, accounts payable and receivable, report preparation, coordination and consolidation, office records management, reception and clerical services for the General Manager and Association Board of Directors. The Association has negotiated an Operational, Maintenance, and Replacement (OM&R) Transfer Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation ("BOR"), the owner of the project. Once the Project is transferred from construction status to OM&R status, this position will be transitioned to work directly for the Association, and will assume duties and responsibilities associated with the OM&R of the Project.

Building Maintenance HVAC Technician
Closing Date 11/3/11 – This position provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, Building Automated System controls, boilers,

hot and chilled water distribution systems, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal buildings. Pay Grade 19.

Finance Dept. Apprentice (Tribal Members Only)
Open until filled – The goal of the Apprentice program is to provide Southern Ute Tribal members with opportunities in finance careers through education, training and mentoring. This Program is designed to benefit Tribal members who wish to utilize skills acquired in formal education and prior work experience to continue development as finance professionals Tribal member participants who successfully complete the Program will learn necessary skills which will improve chances to obtain financial jobs. Three levels of positions are available: Senior Finance, Finance Manager, and Other Finance Positions.

Elementary Teacher – SUIMA
Open until filled – The Elementary Guide is a professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, an infant through 6th grade private school. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. This position is responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist
Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists with coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting and Enforcement Sections of the Tribal Air Quality Program. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA, or other grant funds. Pay Grade 18.

Help in filling out online applications is available at the Human Resources office. Another way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is our JOB HOTLINE! The HOTLINE is updated weekly and lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

Southern Ute Tribal Member youth needed for Wildlife Advisory Board vacancy

The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held locally several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.

Director
Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC)
The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board (AAIHB) Inc. seeks qualified candidates for the position of Director of the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC). The Director is responsible for the administration and management of AASTEC program activities. Master's in Public Health or a Master's degree in a similar related degree program with concentration in epidemiology is required. Demonstrated experience overseeing all aspects of scientific research including statistical study design, data collection, data analysis to meet project objectives and preparation of reports and manuscripts. Knowledge of statistical software. Extensive grant writing experience with history of securing grant funding. Strong oral and written communication skills. Experience working with tribes in the Southwest. For detailed requirements go to www.aaihb.org. To apply, email cover letter, current resume, salary history and five professional references to mkenney@aaihb.org or mail to Marianna Kennedy, Interim AASTEC Director, AAIHB, 5015 Prospect Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
American Indian preference will be extended.

Staff Epidemiologist
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.
Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC)
This position reports to the Director of the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center located within the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc. The Epidemiologist's primary responsibility is to provide a wide range of epidemiologic assistance to AASTEC. This will include design, implementation and evaluation of the core epidemiologic functions such as surveillance, study design, and disease investigation. Applicant must have a minimum of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in Epidemiology with two years of experience epidemiologic investigation and analysis.
Send CV/Resume, three professional references, salary history and cover letter to mkenney@aaihb.org or by regular mail to: Marianna Kennedy, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc., 5015 Prospect Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

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By Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

Fourth-graders from the Ignacio Intermediate School filed into a classroom one by one on Wednesday, Oct. 12 to the sound of a dulcimer, an instrument not widely used since before the last century.

The man playing it was seated between numerous animal pelts and other historic frontiersman paraphernalia. Dressed in home-sewn buckskin and fringe, Scott “Grizzly” Sorensen is a modern-day mountain man who has been giving school presentations for more than 17 years in the Ignacio area.

Sorensen resides in the wilds of Northern Quebec, and is the author of the book “Kipawa River Chronicles.” He attended

Brigham Young University, where he studied Western history, outdoor survival and Indian lore. Once a high school teacher, Sorensen now lives with his family in traditional frontier fashion.

Dressed for the part, the mountain man wowed the attending students with stories and photos from the old West. He finished the show with an outdoor demonstration of a blank musket blast from a Hawken rifle, resounding through the otherwise calm morning and filling the air with a puff of smoke.

Another highlight for the students was an opportunity to wrap themselves in the pelts of wolves and mountain lions.

For Sorensen, the highlight is always receiving letters from students, he said.

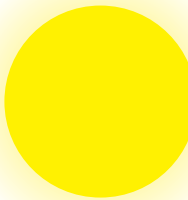
‘Grizzly’ Sorensen tells tall tales



Scott “Grizzly” Sorensen wowed fourth-grade students at the Ignacio Intermediate School with a trip through time to the old West during a presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Sorensen played the dulcimer, bugled like an elk, and loaded a Hawken rifle for a blank muzzle blast as his grand finale outside of the classroom. Students were given the opportunity to feel and even wear some of the soft pelts used by the frontiersman while trapping in days of old.

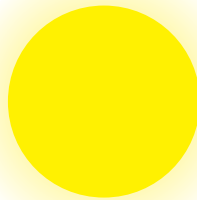
Local Ignacio Weather

Friday, Oct. 21



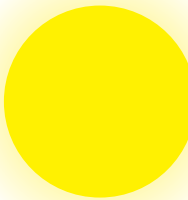
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Saturday, Oct. 22



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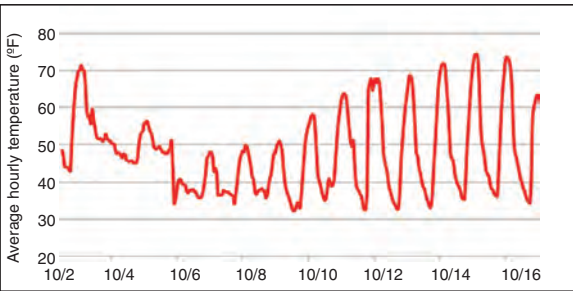
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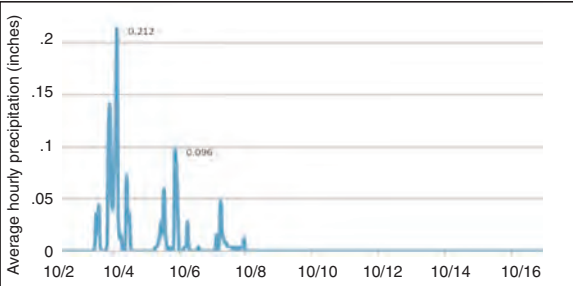


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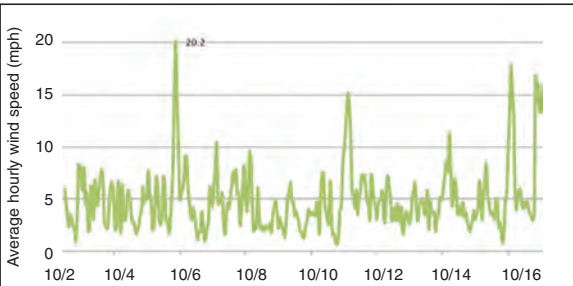
Temperature

High 74.5°F
Low 32.0°F
Average 47.8°F
Average last year 51.8°F



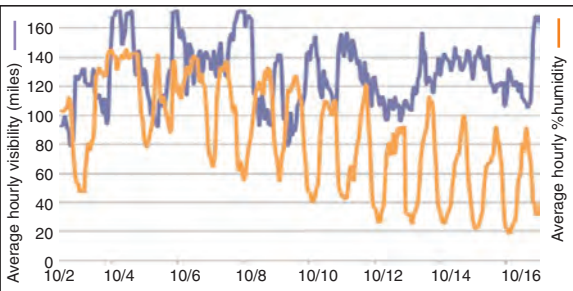
Precipitation

Total 1.67 inches
Total last year 1.66 inches



Wind speed

Average 4.8 mph
Minimum 0.7 mph
Maximum 20.1 mph



Visibility & humidity

Avg. visibility 127.7 miles
Avg. humidity 56.9%

Air quality
Good



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